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"It is preposterous to assume that any real feeling of antagonism exists between Japan and the United States. Relations have never been more cordial and promising. Only the closest working friendship between Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and the other powers can maintain a so badly needed era of peace."

"I wish once for all the jingo element in the various nations of the world, mine included, would not always apparently go out of their way wrongly to interpret the actions of Japan and the United States. Perhaps it is not giving away a secret to say that Secretary Hughes, when in London, made it clear that it was the duty of all of us to disregard the unfortunate remarks made by some politicians."

Ever Ready Mischief Makers
"People always ready to make mischief are to be found on both sides of the Pacific. I am anxious they are disregarded by the bulk of their nationals."

"Naturally we want to work out our destiny unhampered by unfair restrictions, but that rule applies to the desire of every nation and must be respected by all nations."

"Speaking individually and as Japanese representative, I am convinced that the present political atmosphere of my country is all for peace. I think that the jingoes will find their course increasingly difficult."

The ambassador asserted that there was no question of the slightest friction between Britain and Japan over the Singapore naval base, which, he said, the Japanese had foreseen as inevitable and as a sound commercial proposition.

DISCUSS LABRADOR BOUNDARY ISSUE

NEWFOUNDLAND MINISTER IN PARLEY AT OTTAWA

En Route Home Delegates Express Satisfaction as Expected Outcome of "In Camera" Conference

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—He was unable to disclose what had transpired at the conference held "in camera" this week between members of the Newfoundland Government and the Quebec and Federal administration, but Hon. W. S. Monroe, Premier of Newfoundland, expressed confidence that an amicable settlement would be reached among the negotiators, and that such an agreement would be satisfactory to all concerned. Hon. J. H. Higgins, Colonial Minister of Justice, said he believed that they would return to Newfoundland with an acceptable proposition. In Labrador, he said, Newfoundlanders had fished the coast for centuries.

"That coast is ours," he said. "The only question is how far that coast extends. We say it extends to the height of land—Quebec and Ottawa say it does not extend so far. But I may say that in fixing this boundary the rights that Newfoundlanders have enjoyed for centuries will not be forgotten."

Christmas Dinners to Go to Hungry Families
Friendly Help Association, Salvation Army and Other Benevolent Organizations Are Packing Hampers for Hundreds of Poor Homes in the City—Toys Are Included for the Children—Dinner Being Served to Homeless Men—School Children Are Helping

EVEN without Christmas, public sympathy would have turned with special concern during the past seven or eight days to the poor people of the city. Only the innately selfish could be indifferent to the sufferings which the icy weather must bring to homes which are little better than sheds, and where there is neither fuel, food, nor adequate clothing.

To meet the needs of such unfortunate families the several benevolent organizations of the city are expending every effort in collecting supplies of blankets, coal or firewood, groceries and warm clothing. The urgent demand during the past week for things of this kind almost distracted attention from Christmas, but the generous spirit shown by the public has assisted the workers to meet the current needs better than anticipated, and the Friendly Help Association, the Salvation Army, and other organized societies have already among them listed some three or four hundred families for whom Christmas hampers are to be packed during the next day or two.

Scores of the stories of poverty and cold and hunger are of the most heartrending character. Many of them are straight cases of prolonged unemployment on the part of the breadwinner, and when the chill winds come there was no money to buy either fuel or food; others are the direct outcome of illness on the part of the father or mother, and the unfortunate circumstances which accompany this. The Friendly Help reports an unusual number of deserted wives who have been left with one or more children to look after. In one such family where the breadwinner suddenly disappeared, six children of tender years were left. The mother cannot go out to work because she cannot leave the baby. Another father went away without warning, leaving his wife and children in a cold house, from which they were turned out when the landlord discovered that he had no assurance of forthcoming rent. They had no furniture, and the cheap house to which they went was without stove, carpet, or even curtains. All these things had to be appealed for by the Friendly Help even before the cold weather came. And such cases remain on the books for a considerable time, to be provided for over and above the temporary emergency cases which the bitter winter has created.

Not Ungrateful
In most instances where the need Continued on Page 17

Gets New Naval Post



VICE-ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK FIELD who has been appointed deputy chief of the naval staff.

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COMMANDER OF SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON PROMOTED

Succeeds Sir Roger Keyes at Admiralty Headquarters in London, as Deputy Chief

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CURIOUS DISCOVERY IN LIQUOR SEIZURE

PORTLAND DRY AGENT PRODUCES ONE CASE EXTRA

Misguided Prohibition Chief Apologizes to British Captain and Throws in Refreshment

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Recommendation that George L. Cleaver, late prohibition commissioner, be prosecuted for violating the Federal statutes and treaties in raiding the British vessel London Merchant on Wednesday night will be made in a report to be filed with the United States Treasury Department by Dr. E. C. McFarland, collector of customs, the collector said tonight.

United States Attorney General proposed to ask the Attorney-General to discontinue charges against Cleaver, filed Thursday by Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney in Portland, Me., and the two reports of the incident and divergent recommendation will go to Washington early next week. It is expected.

Attorney's Proposal
The Federal Attorney agreed to make his recommendation for dismissal of the charges at a conference at which Cleaver's approval. The two reports of the incident and divergent recommendation will go to Washington early next week. It is expected.

The liquor was returned Friday night. Careful check of it was made today by customs officials. "We found all the liquor had been taken back," Collector McFarland said. "We found also that Cleaver returned one more case of liquor than he took away, so the ship's officers will probably make no complaint on that score."

SEVEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Car Plunges Sixty Feet Off Trestle Into icy Waters of the Chippewa River in Wisconsin

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION BY VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Well-Known Vancouver Merchant Among the List of Identified Dead—Eight Injured Are in Hospital

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 20.—Seven persons were killed, three others reported missing and eight were injured when the last coach of an eastbound, Minneapolis & Sault Ste. Marie passenger train plunged from the trestle over the Chippewa River here today into the icy waters sixty feet below.

Six of the dead have been identified as Mrs. Harry Jones, Sioux City, Ia.; Charles J. Pardoe, Minneapolis; Barbara Spencer, six-month-old daughter of M. L. Spencer, of Washington University, Seattle, who, with Mrs. Spencer, are among the injured; Kenneth Henderson, of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mrs. F. Higgs, a daughter of Mr. Pardoe, who was traveling with him; and Richard W. Sharp, of Vancouver.

One Unidentified Body
The one unidentified body remaining is that of a woman.

Throughout the afternoon and into the night the search of the ill-fated coach continued as it lay bottomed up in seven feet of water and much of one end well above the water line. Railroad officials fear other bodies may be imprisoned within.

Eight persons taken to St. Joseph's Hospital here were receiving medical or surgical attention tonight, and condition of three or four of them is considered serious.

A broken switch bolt caused by frost apparently was the cause of the accident.

Graphic Tale by Victim
A graphic tale of the accident was told by Lyle Spencer, dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Washington.

"Mr. Spencer's daughter, six-month-old Barbara, was drowned. 'My wife was in another part of the car eating lunch. I was holding Barbara in my arms. Suddenly there was a slight jar and then a jumping of the coach. I knew the car was off the rails then. I shouted to the porter to jerk the airbrakes. He started running for the end of the car. We were on the bridge, and I saw the river below. 'The car seemed to leap forward and then down. The water rushed up and it was black to me for an instant. I felt myself struggling in the water. I was searching for the baby—I could not find her. I crawled out of the window and was taken ashore. My wife was rescued too.'"

Vancouver Man Killed
VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—R. B. Sharp, 47, president of the Pacific Box Company, and well-known Vancouver business man, was one of many who met death when a coach of a Soo line express plunged from a trestle into the Chippewa River today, according to information received from Chippewa Falls, Wiscon.

The news of Mr. Sharp's death in the form of a telegram from the district attorney of Chippewa Falls, stating that the body of a man taken from the ill-fated coach had been identified as that of R. B. Sharp, Vancouver, B.C.

SEVENTY DEGREES DROP IN FEW HOURS

WIND WEATHER EXPERIENCED AT CROWN'S NEST PASS

Thermometer Falls From 26 Above to 20 Below Zero at Short Notice—More Deaths in U.S.

CRANBROOK, Dec. 20.—Veteran railroad men state they have never experienced such a sudden change in the weather as that experienced here today, and which made railroad travel particularly trying. At Crown's Nest the temperature dropped over 70 degrees within a few hours.

This drop from 26 degrees above to 20 below was accompanied by an extremely high wind. Three engines were required to pull one train through the Pass.

An Indian from Wardner reports that his tepee was blown down during the gale last Sunday night, during his absence, and that he can find no trace of his wife and child or the tent.

Second Cold Wave
WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—After a slight relief yesterday from the frigid weather which has enveloped the entire Canadian West for more than a week, a second cold wave is descending upon the Prairie Provinces with renewed severity. The temperature ranges from 14 below in parts of Alberta to the minimum of 24 below at Minnedosa, Man.

The high pressure wave which ushered in the present cold blast is rapidly spreading southward, according to weather officials, and unusually low temperatures have been reported from points in Oklahoma and Florida. The forecast indicates that the present cold snap will continue for another few days at least.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Winter's icy hand tonight held in its grasp nearly an entire nation.

War's Inner History Revealed in Diary of British Ambassador

Viscount Bertie, in Intimate Memoirs, to Be Published Serially in The Colonist, Tells How He Watched International Pawns Being Moved—Allies Were at Odds—But Arrival of British in France Had Tremendous Moral Effect

WARNS LORD KITCHENER OF DANGERS IN FRANCE

Viscount Bertie of Thame as British Ambassador in Paris from 1905 to 1918, played an all-important part, both in the Great War itself and the events that preceded it.

He kept during the war a private diary, which, edited by Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, is to be published under the title of "The Diary of Lord Bertie of Thame, 1914-1918."

A series of extracts from this important record, which contains the ambassador's personal impressions of men and events, expressed with a pungent frankness and with the mastery of inside knowledge, will be published in this paper during the coming weeks.

The first instalment opens with the agonizing anxiety of the days that preceded Great Britain's declaration of war, and covers the retreat to the Marne, the withdrawal of the French Government to Bordeaux, and the check of the enemy before Paris.

Particularly interesting are Lord Bertie's reference to his visit to M. Viviani, the French Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, immediately after the historic interview with the German Ambassador; his description of the meeting between Lord Kitchener and Sir John French, when he dissuaded the former from visiting the British Expeditionary Force; and M. Delcasse's request, made at Bordeaux, that he should send Sir John French a telegram from Joffre announcing the Marne offensive.

The first instalment of Lord Bertie's diary follows:

July 26, 1914.—I was to have gone to Martigny today. I had arranged with Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, to do so, subject to returning to him in seven days, and the question of Europe into war in order to make themselves the protectors of the Serbians. Unless the Austrian Government had proof of the complicity of Serbian officials in the plot to murder the Archduke they could not have addressed to the Serbian Government the stringent terms which the Austrian note contained.

Russia comes forward as the protectress of Serbia; by what title except on the exploded pretension that she is, by right, the protectress of all Slavs? What rubbish! And she will expect, if she adheres to her present attitude, France and England to support her in arms. Public opinion in England would never sanction such a policy, but unfortunately we might be dragged into a war through reverses to French arms and the army to prevent the annihilation of France.

Felt War Inevitable
July 28, 1914.—They will have it here that the Serbian question has been the work of Germany, a German plot in fact, Iwadowitz (the Russian Ambassador to France) told (translating the British Councillor in Paris) that war is inevitable, and through the fault of England in not announcing her solidarity with France and Russia, or rather with Russia. Russia had given away and was humiliated in 1909 over the Bosnia-Herzegovina question, for then her army was not in a condition to fight; now it is. He will do a good deal of mischief in fomenting a war which he himself would not prevent the annihilation of France.

RACE TRACK LAWS MAY NOT CONFLICT
FEDERAL MINISTER NOT LIKELY TO DISPUTE B.C. ACT

Claim Feature of Dominion Statute, Fixing of Maximum of Racing Allowed, Is Not Disturbed

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 (Special).—Officials of the Department of Agriculture who control the Federal administration of racing, do not anticipate any conflict of authority between the Federal and British Columbia Legislatures over the recent racing legislation in that province.

The Federal legislation for control of racing states: "Provided that no race meetings at which there are running races, on such race meeting continues for more than seven days of continuous racing, on which racing may be lawfully carried on, and that there be not more than seven races on any such day, and that on any race track there be not held in any one calendar year more than two race meetings; and that there is an interval of at least twenty days between meetings."

The authorities here point out that the Federal legislation provides only for the maximum amount of racing. They do not admit that the Provincial governments have authority to act in restricting the racing to less than the maximum provided, but suggest it is unlikely the Federal Government will not act contrary to the desire of the local government as long as the main feature of Federal control is not infringed, and this main feature is the maximum of racing allowed. They also claim that any action to prove the local legislation is ultra vires, will have to be taken in the courts by those interested in British Columbia, and until such illegality is established there is no urgency for action by the Federal Government.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, is hostile to racing, and it is unlikely he will take any action against its restriction until he is forced by the proven illegality of British Columbia legislation. It is on this assumption his departmental officials base their opinion that no action will be precipitated by the Federal Government to determine whether or not British Columbia, in restricting racing days to below the maximum allowed, has gone beyond their jurisdiction.

Sympathetic Strike Warning
SCHANTON, Pa., Dec. 20.—Twelve thousand employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, who are to take a vote on the question in joining in a sympathetic strike with the 12,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who have been idle three weeks, were warned by district union leaders that any such action would be recognized as a violation of union law and would be dealt with accordingly.

Crew's Trial Postponed
NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 20.—To enable the crew of the British schooner J. Duffy, seized by a coast-guard vessel off Corfield Shoal today, to obtain counsel, the hearing before United States Commissioner E. Mathewson, set for this afternoon, was postponed until January 3 and each member of the crew held on \$2,500 bond.

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ONLY CLOSEST WORKING FRIENDSHIP WITH NATIOMS

Stresses Secretary Hughes' Statement That Duty of All to Disregard Talk of the Irresponsibles

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, in a statement in The Sunday Times declared:

"It is preposterous to assume that any real feeling of antagonism exists between Japan and the United States. Relations have never been more cordial and promising. Only the closest working friendship between Great Britain, the United States, Japan and the other powers can maintain a so badly needed era of peace."

"I wish once for all the jingo elements in the various nations of the world, mine included, would not always apparently go out of their way wrongly to interpret the actions of Japan and the United States. Perhaps it is not giving away a secret to say that Secretary Hughes, when in London, made it clear that it was the duty of all of us to disregard the unfortunate remarks made by some politicians."

Ever Ready Mischief Makers

"People always ready to make mischief are to be found on both sides of the Pacific, but that rule applies to any that Secretary Hughes, when in London, made it clear that it was the duty of all of us to disregard the unfortunate remarks made by some politicians."

Speaking Individually and as Japan's representative, I am convinced that the present political atmosphere of my country is all for peace. I think that the jingoes will find their course increasingly difficult."

The ambassador asserted that there was no question of the slightest friction between Great Britain and Japan over the Singapore naval base, which, he said, the Japanese had foreseen as inevitable and as a sound commercial proposition.

DISCUSS LABRADOR BOUNDARY ISSUE

NEWFOUNDLAND MINISTER IN PARLEY AT OTTAWA

En Route Home Delegates Express Satisfaction As Expected Outcome of "In Camera" Conference

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—It was unable to disclose what had transpired at the conference held "in camera" this week between members of the Newfoundland Government and the Quebec and Federal administration, but Hon. W. S. Monroe, Premier of Newfoundland, expressed confidence that an amicable settlement would be reached among the negotiators, and that such an agreement would be satisfactory to all concerned. Hon. J. H. Higgins, Colonial Minister of Justice, said he believed that they would return to Newfoundland with an acceptable proposition. In Labrador, he said, Newfoundlanders have fished the coast for centuries.

"That coast is ours," he said.

"The only question is how far that coast extends. We say it extends to the height of land—Quebec and Ottawa say it does not extend so far. But I may now that the fixing this boundary right that Newfoundlanders have enjoyed for centuries will not be forgotten."

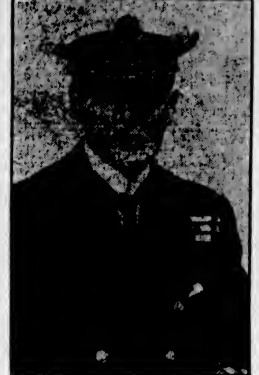
Friendly Help Association, Salvation Army and Other Benevolent Organizations Are Packing Hampers for Hundreds of Poor Homes in the City—Toys Are Included for the Children—Dinner Being Served to Homeless Men—School Children Are Helping

Even without Christmas, public sympathy with special concern during the past seven or eight days to the poor people of the city. Only the innately selfish could be indifferent to the suffering which the icy weather must bring to homes which are little better than sheds, and where there is neither fuel, food, nor adequate clothing.

To meet the needs of such unfortunate families the several benevolent organizations of the city are expending every effort in collecting supplies of blankets, coal or firewood, groceries and warm clothing. The urgent demand during the past week for things of this kind almost distracted attention from Christmas, but the generous spirit shown by the public has assisted the workers to meet the current calls better than anticipated, and the Friendly Help Association, the Salvation Army and other organized societies have already among them listed some three or four hundred families for whom Christmas hampers are to be packed during the next day or two.

Scores of the stories of poverty and cold and hunger are of the most heart-rending character. Many of them are straight cases of prolonged unemployment on the part of the breadwinner, and when the chill winds come (there was no money to buy either fuel or food; there are the direct outcome of illness on the part of the father or mother, and the unfortunate circumstances which accompany this. The Friendly Help Association, which the icy weather must bring to homes which are little better than sheds, and where there is neither fuel, food, nor adequate clothing.

Gets New Naval Post



VICE-ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK FIELD who has been appointed deputy chief of the naval staff.

VICE-ADMIRAL FIELD JOINS NAVAL STAFF

COMMANDER OF SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON PROMOTED

Succeeds Sir Roger Keyes at Admiralty Headquarters, London, as Deputy Chief

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field has been appointed deputy chief of the naval staff in succession to Sir Roger Keyes, who is taking command of the Mediterranean fleet.

Sir Frederick Field, the battleship George V in the battle of Jutland, as leader of the line of battle, under tremendously difficult conditions.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field commanded the special service squadron which made a ten months' cruise of the Empire, concluding at the end of September last. Among the ports visited by the squadron were Victoria, Vancouver, Halifax and St. John's (Newfoundland).

CURIOUS DISCOVERY IN LIQUOR SEIZURE

PORTLAND DRY AGENT PRODUCES ONE CASE EXTRA

Misguided Prohibition Chief Apologizes to British Captain and Throws in Refreshment

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Recommendation that George L. Cleaver, late prohibition commissioner, be prosecuted for violating the Federal statutes and treaties in raiding the British vessel London Merchant on Wednesday night will be made in a report to be filed with the United States Treasury Department by Dr. E. C. McFarland, collector of customs, the collector said tonight.

United States Attorney Cooke is disposed to ask the Attorney-General to dismiss charges against Cleaver, filed Thursday by Chief Assistant Lynde with Judge Cooke's approval. The two reports of the incident and divergent recommendation will go to Washington early next week, it is expected.

Attorney's Proposal

The Federal Attorney agreed to make his recommendation for dismissal of the charges at a conference at which Judge Cooke's approval of the liquor seized and to submit a letter of apology to the owners and to the captain of the vessel raided. Cleaver carried out his promise. The liquor was returned Friday night. Careful check of it was made today by customs officials. "We found in the liquor had been taken back," Collector McFarland said. "We found also that Cleaver returned one more case of liquor than he took away. He was without a doubt probably make no complaint on that score."

SEVEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Car Plunges Sixty Feet Off Trestle Into Icy Waters of the Chippewa River in Wisconsin

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION BY VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Well-Known Vancouver Merchant Among the List of Identified Dead—Eight Injured Are in Hospital

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 20.—Seven persons were killed, three others reported missing and eight were injured when the last coach of an eastbound, Minneapolis & Sault Ste. Marie passenger train plunged from the trestle over the Chippewa River here today into the icy waters sixty feet below.

Six of the dead have been identified as Mrs. Harry Jones, Sioux City, Ia.; Charles M. Patten, Minneapolis; Barbara Spencer, six-months-old daughter of M. L. Spencer, of Washington University, Seattle, who, with Mrs. Spencer, are among the injured; Kenneth J. Henderson, of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mrs. F. Higgs, a daughter of Mr. Pardo, who was traveling with him; and Richard W. Sharp, of Vancouver.

One Unidentified Body

The one unidentified body remaining is that of a woman.

Throughout the afternoon and into the night the search of the ill-fated coach continued as it lay bottom up in seven feet of water and much of one end well above the water line. Railroad officials fear other bodies may be imprisoned within.

Eight persons taken to St. Joseph's Hospital here were receiving medical or surgical attention tonight, and the condition of three or four of them is considered serious.

A broken switch bolt caused by frost apparently was the cause of the accident.

Graphic Tale by Victim

A graphic tale of the accident was told by Lyle Spencer, dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Washington.

Spencer's daughter, six-months-old Barbara, was drowned.

"My wife was in another part of the car eating lunch. I was holding Barbara in my arms. Suddenly there was a slight jar and then a jumping of the coach. I knew the car was off the rails then. I shouted to the porter to jerk the airbrakes. He started running for the end of the car. We were on the bridge, and I saw the river below.

"The car seemed to leap forward and then down. The water rushed up and it was black to me for an instant. I felt myself struggling in the water. I was searching for the baby—I could not find her. I crawled out of the window and was taken ashore. My wife was rescued too."

Vancouver Man Killed

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—R. B. Sharp, president of the Pacific Box Company, and well-known Vancouver business man, was one of many who met death when a coach of a Red Line express plunged from a trestle into the Chippewa River today, according to information received from Chippewa Falls, Wiscon.

The news of Mr. Sharp's death caused the death of a telegram from the district attorney at Chippewa Falls, stating that the body of a man taken from the ill-fated coach had been identified as that of R. B. Sharp, Vancouver, B.C.

SEVENTY DEGREES DROP IN FEW HOURS

WILD WEATHER EXPERIENCED AT CROW'S NEST PASS

Thermometer Drops From 50 Above to 20 Below Zero at Short Notice—More Deaths in U.S.

CRANBROOK, Dec. 20.—Veteran railroad men state they have never experienced such a sudden change in the weather as that experienced here today, and which made railroading particularly trying. At Crow's Nest the temperature dropped over 70 degrees within a few hours.

This drop from 50 degrees above to 20 below zero was accompanied by an extremely high wind. Three engines were required to pull one train through the Pass.

An Indian from Wardner reports that his tepee was blown down during the gale last Sunday night, during his absence, and that he can find no trace of his wife and child or the tent.

Second Cold Wave

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—After a slight relief yesterday from the fright weather which has enveloped the entire Canadian West for more than a week, a second cold wave is descending upon the Prairie Provinces with renewed severity. The temperature ranges from 18 below in parts of Alberta to the minimum of 34 below at Minnedosa, Man.

The high pressure wave which ushered in the present cold blast is rapidly spreading southeastward according to weather officials, and unusually low temperatures have been reported from points in Oklahoma and Florida. The forecast indicates that the present cold snap will continue for another few days at least.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Winter's icy hand tonight held its grasp nearly an entire nation.

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War's Inner History Revealed in Diary of British Ambassador

Viscount Bertie, in Intimate Memoirs, to Be Published Serially in The Colonist, Tells How He Watched International Pawns Being Moved—Allies Were at Odds—But Arrival of British in France Had Tremendous Moral Effect

WARNS LORD KITCHENER OF DANGERS IN FRANCE

Viscount Bertie of Thame as British Ambassador in Paris from 1905 to 1918, played an all-important part, both in the Great War itself and the events that preceded it.

He kept during the war a private diary, which, edited by Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, is to be published under the title of "The Diary of Lord Bertie of Thame, 1914-1918."

A series of extracts from this important record, which contains the ambassador's personal impressions of men and events, expressed with a pungent frankness and with the mastery of inside knowledge, will be published in this paper during the coming weeks.

The first instalment opens with the agonizing anxiety of the days that preceded Great Britain's declaration of war, and covers the retreat to the Marne, the withdrawal of the French Government to Bordeaux, and the check of the enemy before Paris.

Particularly interesting are Lord Bertie's reference to his visit to M. Viviani, the French Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, immediately after the historic interview with the German Ambassador; his description of the meeting between Lord Kitchener and Sir John French, when he dissuaded the former from visiting the British Expeditionary Force; and M. Delcasse's request, made at Bordeaux, that he should send Sir John French a telegram from Joffre announcing the Marne offensive.

The first instalment of Lord Bertie's diary follows:

July 26, 1914.—I was to have gone to Martigny today. I had arranged with Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, to do so, subject to returning in the evening of the 27th.

When the Austrian note appeared I made up my mind to give up Martigny. It seems incredible that the Russian Government should plunge Europe into war in order to make themselves the protectors of the Serbians. Unless the Austrian Government had proof of the complicity of Serbian officials in the plot to murder the Archduke they could not have addressed to the Serbian Government the stringent terms which the Austrian note contained.

Russia comes forward as the protectress of Serbia; by what title except on the exploded pretension that she is, by right, the protectress of all Slavs? What rubbish! And she will expect, if she adheres to her present attitude, France and England to support her in arms. Public opinion in England would never sanction such a policy, but unfortunately we might be dragged into a war through reverses to French arms and the necessity to prevent the annihilation of France.

Felt War Inevitable

July 28, 1914.—They will have it here that the Serbian question has been the work of Germany, a German plot in fact, Iwolsky (the Russian Ambassador to Germany) told (Franklin the British Councillor in Paris) that an war was inevitable, and through the fault of England in not announcing her solidarity with France and Russia, or rather with Russia. Russia had given away and was humiliated in 1909 over the Bosnia-Herzegovina question for then her army was not in a condition to fight; now it is. He will do a good deal of mischief in fomenting a war spirit.

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RACE TRACK LAWS MAY NOT CONFLICT

FEDERAL MINISTER NOT LIKELY TO DISPUTE B.C. ACT

Claim Feature of Dominion Statute, Fixing of Maximum of Racing Allowed, Is Not Disturbed

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—(Special).—Officials of the Department of Agriculture who control the Federal administration of racing, do not anticipate any conflict of authority between the Federal and British Columbia Legislatures over the recent racing legislation in that province.

The Federal legislation for control of racing states: "Provided that as to race meetings at which there are running races, no such race meeting continues for more than seven days of continuous racing on which such racing may be lawfully carried on, and that there be not more than seven races on any such day, and that on any race track there be not held in any one calendar year more than two race meetings; and that there is an interval of at least twenty days between such meetings."

The authorities here point out that the Federal legislation provides only for the maximum amount of racing. They do not admit that the Provincial Governments have authority to act in restricting the racing to less than the maximum provided, but suggest it is unlikely the Federal Government will not act contrary to the desire of the local government as long as the main feature of Federal control is not infringed, and this main feature is the maximum of racing allowed. They also claim that any action to prove the local legislation is ultra vires, will have to be taken in the courts by those interested in British Columbia, and until such illegality is established there is no urgency for action by the Federal Government.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, is hostile to racing, and it is unlikely he will take any action against the restriction until he is forced by the proven illegality of British Columbia legislation. It is on this assumption his departmental officials base their opinion that no action will be precipitated by the Federal Government to determine whether or not British Columbia, in restricting racing days to below the maximum allowed, has gone beyond their jurisdiction.

Sympathetic Strike Warning

BRANTON, Pa., Dec. 20.—Twelve thousand employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, who are to take a vote on the question of joining in a sympathetic strike with the 12,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who have been idle three weeks, were warned by district union leaders that any such action would be recognized as a violation of union laws and would be dealt with accordingly.

Cancer Increases While Tuberculosis Decreases in U. S. During 1923

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Deaths from cancer increased in the United States in 1923, while the fight against tuberculosis made progress. A total of 84,754 deaths from cancer, were reported in the Census Bureau last year in a registration area composed of territory containing 87.6 per cent of the total population. This represented an increase of 5,816 deaths over 1922. The rate per 100,000 population was 39.4 as against 36.8 in 1922. Tuberculosis caused 166,732 deaths against 160,453 in 1922, but the rate per 100,000 decreased from 98 to 93.6.

Crew's Trial Postponed

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 20.—To enable the crew of the British schooner J. Duffy, seized by a coast-guard vessel off Portland Island today, to obtain counsel, the hearing before United States Commissioner E. Mathewson, set for this afternoon, was postponed until January 3 and each member of the crew held on \$2,500 bond.

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BOARD NOT CONSULTED, SAYS
MR. R. P. GOUGH

Official Declares Many Large Ad-
vances Made Without Knowledge
of Institution's Advisers

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—R. P. Gough, former vice-president and director of the Home Bank, started the court at his trial yesterday by saying that several million dollars loaned by the bank to business concerns and others had never been authorized or considered by the board of directors. He told about numerous loans which, he stated, he had never heard of, although on the board, until A. E. Calvert presented them in a statement to the directors just before the bank closed its doors in August, 1923.

"I often came a long way to attend board meetings," said Mr. Gough, "and I looked after as much detail as I could; but now I know I was only being fooled. The large transactions never came before the board at all."

\$650,000 Loan Quoted

Witness said that the \$650,000 loan to the Manufacturers' Holding & Investment Company was a sample.

The minutes of the board read that this loan had been considered. "That is absolutely untrue, as it never came before the board," declared Mr. Gough. "Loans had been made to men he never had seen or known until the Home Bank trials commenced a couple of months ago. W. N. Tully, K.C., defence counsel, read a list of loans which were recorded on the minutes of the board, but Mr. Gough said they never had been authorized by his knowledge. Many of them he did not know one thing about. These included the Coulson loan of \$40,000; Daily loan of \$40,000; and a foreign department loan of \$24,000.

Mr. Gough said that when he joined the bank's board he had eighty-two shares of bank stock, and he had them when the bank closed. He had never traded in bank shares and had paid his double liability. "I have waited a long time for profits so far," he declared.

STEPHEN LEACOCK REBUKES RED TAPE

CANADIAN WRITERS SCORE OFF
U.S. OFFICERS

Humorist Denounces Passport Au-
thorities at New York for
Unnecessary Delays

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Canadianism of Professor Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, came strongly to the fore yesterday here when he had to go to the customs house to assure authorities that he had earned no money in the United States during the past year, before he sailed for Nassau.

The Canadian humorist, in no uncertain terms, denounced the red tape of the passport authorities, asserting that he thought it "an unfriendly act to force Canadians to wait while they have paid an income tax when most of them who sail from here have never earned a penny in the country. I have taken this matter up with our consul and have pointed out the difficulty a Canadian may have in proving on the spot that he had paid his income tax."

Dr. Leacock waxed indignant over the matter. "Of course they took my word that I had not earned any money in the United States during the current year," he said, "but it would probably be difficult for some of my countrymen to prove that they have not earned money here."

DRANK POISON IN ERROR FOR MEDICINE

Mrs. Billingsley, of Victoria, Re-
covers From Unpleasant Ex-
perience at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—Narrowly escaping death after having drunk a quantity of lyso in mistake for a sleeping potion, Mrs. P. A. Billingsley, Victoria, is slowly recovering, according to officials at the Vancouver General Hospital, where the woman was taken from the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Barton, late yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Billingsley resides in Victoria, with her husband, and came to Vancouver last Sunday for a visit to her daughter, according to Mrs. Barton. Her mother's nerves were unstrung as a result of the rough crossing from Vancouver Island in the storm of last Sunday evening, and this, together with high blood pressure, resulted in a loss of sleep. Mrs. Billingsley sought relief and drank the lyso by mistake.

Race Fans Swindled of Large Sums by "Tips"

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Investigation of alleged schemes to defraud by an organization styling itself the United Riders of America and trading on the names of prominent jockeys, has disclosed that Chicagoans have been victimized to the extent of \$50,000 a week for the past two months by swindlers dealing in fake tips on races at New Orleans, Havana and Havana. The "United Riders" organization, under investigation by Federal authorities in Louisville, Ky., was said to be only one of several similar concerns operating here, in New York, San Francisco, and other cities.

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Oddities in the News

New Energy to Replace Coal
—Another South Polar Ex-
pedition—Jack Miner's Ducks—
Watchdogs and Postmen

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—Director Busman, of the Dutch hydrodynamic institute, believes that Anton Flettner's discovery of the principles by which air currents can be made to produce heat and energy will revolutionize the entire fuel industry. In an article which is causing much comment in engineering circles, he advances the opinion that when once the Flettner system has been applied completely, it will be possible to reduce the world's consumption of coal 90 per cent.

LEEDS.—Commander Frank A. Wornley, who participated in Antarctic expeditions under the late Sir Ernest Shackleton, is endeavoring to raise funds for another expedition to the South Pole.

He recently told newspapermen his plan was to attack the Polar regions from the land, and make his way north over the ice from the Mackenzie Delta. By doing this, the expedition would not require a special headquarters ship, and more money could be spent on equipment. Transport would be provided by caterpillar tractors.

KINGSVILLE.—Interesting data on how birds of a feather flock together, and how they return year after year, in the course of migrations, to any port that will provide them with protection and food in a storm, has been obtained by Jack Miner, naturalist, at his bird sanctuary here.

Mr. Miner caught seventeen wild mallard ducks in a net, and ascertained that six of the older birds had already been marked with his aluminum tags bearing various verses of Scripture. One bird was at least six years old, having been marked in 1918. All the birds were supplied with new 1924 tags.

FOLKESTONE.—Recent years have not been at all easy for many of the clergy of the Church of England from a financial point of view, according to the Rev. W. H. Elliott, the vicar of the local church here. "I have been so hard for some of them that one person had no new clothes for twenty years. Mr. Elliott cited another case in which a clergyman at a clergyman's house there was never butter, milk or sugar; it was just a meal of bread and tea."

VIENNA.—For protection against burglars, apartment and house dwellers in this city make it a practice to keep watch dogs, mostly of the police variety. But the police dog apparently has no affiliation with postmen for in the past nine months thirty-eight letter carriers have had to defend themselves against ferocious attack by these household pets. When the matter came before the postmaster general for action, this official ruled the postmen could decide where they would not deliver letters, on account of the dog, and that the householder would have to call for his mail at the post office.

HUNDRED MILLIONS FOR BATTLESHIPS

U.S. CONGRESS BILL ASKS MUCH
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Measure Introduced Following the
Passage of Naval Supply Meas-
ure for \$300,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Members of Congress favoring a congressional investigation of the relative condition of the American navy were centering their hopes today on the Britten bill to appropriate \$101,400,000 for new construction as a vehicle for hearings before the House naval committee which would satisfy their aim in the investigation.

The bill was introduced by Representative Britten, ranking Republican on the naval committee, coincidentally with the passage by the House late yesterday of the navy supply bill, carrying nearly \$300,000,000 for activities already authorized.

Develop Information
Automatically referred to the naval committee, Representative Britten said the hearings which would be held on the measure would serve to develop information showing where the American navy stands with regard to the 5-5-3 ratio provision of the arms treaty.

In addition to the building of four scout cruisers, costing \$11,100,000 each, among other items, the bill would authorize the elevation of the turret guns on thirteen battleships, at an aggregate cost of \$4,500,000. The gun elevation issue was again given the formal status of a pending legislative proposal coincident with announcement at the White House that the British Government had conveyed a formal expression of its views to the treaty provisions affecting the proposal in a note now before the State Department.

A.P. Telegrapher Killed

ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 20.—William G. Mutch, thirty-two, Associated Press telegrapher for the Ellenburg Record, died here last night from injuries received when the automobile he was driving turned over, crushing him underneath. Mr. Mutch died three hours after he was found pinned beneath the car. He is survived by his widow and four children.

Rainmaker Falls Again

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 20.—Charles M. Hatfield and his brother, rainmakers, who promised the stockmen of Kern County one and one-half inches of rain between November 20 and December 20, have failed in their efforts, less than an inch of rain falling throughout the 30 days. The Hatfield brothers were ordered to move their rainmaking apparatus.

GIFTS THAT GLADDEN

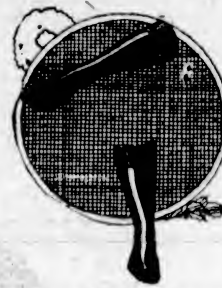
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Pure Silk Knitted Ties, \$2.00 to \$3.00
Jaeger Wool Slippers, \$3.00 and \$3.25
Suspenders Sets, \$1.50 to \$2.50
Wool Gloves, 75c to \$3.50
Motor Gauntlets, \$2.00 to \$13.50
English Broadcloth Shirts, \$3.75 to \$5.00
Other Fine Shirts, \$2.25 to \$10.50

English Broadcloth Pajamas at \$6.50
to \$10.00
Other Pajamas, \$2.50 to \$13.50
Golf Hose, \$2.25 to \$8.00
Silk Socks, \$1.25 to \$4.00
Fancy Cashmere Socks, \$1.25 to \$3.00
Mufflers, \$2.00 to \$12.00
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Hit by a passing train, a stray horse which had wandered along the tracks of the Canadian National Railway near Colwood, was so seriously injured yesterday morning that Inspector G. T. Maurice, of the S.P.C.A., was forced to shoot the animal to end its misery. Had a section gang not chanced along and discovered the beast at the side of the line with the off hind leg almost severed at the hock, it might have lingered on in that state for another forty-eight hours or more. Men on the gang gave notice of its plight to the Provincial Police, who informed the S.P.C.A. Dr. Hamilton, veterinary surgeon, and Inspector Maurice, went out to the spot, the latter shooting the horse when its condition was realized.

According to Inspector Maurice, the animal strayed off the Island Highway over the C.N.R. cattle guards onto the right-of-way. Severe criticism of the condition of the guards is made by the Inspector, who says that for the past eighteen months the S.P.C.A. has been trying to induce the railway to make better defences of them. They are no bar whatever to wandering cattle in their present state, he says. The same trouble, according to the Inspector, has been encountered atooke, where sheep have been killed on the C.N.R. line as a result of the absence of guards of any character.

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Hopes of Cyril and Duchess to Win Russian Crown Are Revealed in Interview With Monarchist Family.

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Hereditary Rulers Held Better Able to Manage Country's Affairs Than Responsible Government

The following interview with the Grand Duke Cyril and the Grand Duchess was obtained while they were living at Cannes and before the Grand Duke, his wife and daughter, were driven from the country by the Russian revolution. It is interesting, not merely because of the Grand Duke's position in the Russian Empire, but because both the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess are at present in the United States, and because both the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess are at present in the United States, and because both the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess are at present in the United States.

By THEODORE PRINCE
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Close to the yellow half moon beach at Cannes, where the mellow sunshine laughs at winter and green trees flourish under the soft breezes of Southern France, there is a tiny villa where the land of the old Czar is not forgotten, but is ever a living, burning memory. It is the home of Grand Duke Cyril, claimant as heir by primogeniture to the throne of all Russia.



THE GRAND DUCHESS CYRIL

of the villas in the neighborhood are larger, more modern, better kept. There on the palm shaded drive overlooking the Mediterranean it stands alone, careless of the present, wrapped, like its owner, in dreams. And with the strange mystic symbolism of the old monarchy it is called "L'Avant d'Anges." Abode of an Angel. The Grand Duke adores his wife.

Fate plays grim tricks upon us. In Moscow the man might have ruled supreme over more than 170,000,000 souls; even before the war he moved in that rare exalted plane of royalty. Now, cast up like a bit of royal driftwood upon the shore of the Mediterranean, he finds difficulty in keeping three servants.

Under the Bolshevik Russia lies prostrate, hiding still behind the same thin theory of absolute radicalism of all for the State and the State for all, they maintain the reign of terror in the cities, wasting, destroying the progress of centuries.

In the country the peasants still hold the balance of the power, for they have land and they produce. But there is no way of organizing these peasants, no way of making them understand. They have learned not to accept worthless rubles for their produce, they have learned that it is better for them to remain upon their farms and eat their food than attempt to sell it in the cities. But there is no more absolute radicalism of all for the State and the State for all, they maintain the reign of terror in the cities, wasting, destroying the progress of centuries.

Revolutions are slow in their formation. They always result from pressure, for some of people eventually break through any tyranny, however strong. Martyrs are few at first, then many, and when at last all the people have learned to change their fundamental beliefs, they love to be martyred.

"How can party governments be as responsible as hereditary kings, who do not have to seek re-election, but can give their best efforts to the good of the people?"

"You must remember we are trained to know our business, we are brought up to understand politics, history, science and all languages. We are taught to rule for the greatest good of our people."

"Most important of all, we know our people, we understand them better than any one else in the world. The Russian people want things done for them; they must be thought for and taken care of like children. What could be more pointed than the action of the soldiers, who killed an officer at the time of the Kerensky disorganization? As soon as the regiments were disbanded they went to his brother, officers and asked them to get them jobs."

"The war and present regime have cost Russia 20,000,000 people and still no voice of permanent order has been secured. The Bolshevik control only the cities; the peasants are disorganized, but they are their own

masters. Of what good, then, is all this? What has been gained by the sacrifice of 20,000,000 people?"

The Grand Duke paused, his voice full of emotion. When he speaks of the Russian people it is like a father speaking of his children; children from whom he has been separated by some great tragic error. He is a tall man, erect, almost military in his bearing. His nose is sharp and his brown hair and beard have not yet been streaked with silver. He is strikingly like his cousin, the dead Czar, a portrait of whom hung on one of the walls of the cool room.

"You Russians speak English like Englishmen," I said.

He smiled.

"We must learn all—English, French, German, as well as our own Russian. The preparation for royalty was no easy path."

Must Study People

"Most of all, however, we must study our people. Only a Russian can understand them—understand the helplessness of them, the submission, the utter inability to move for themselves which long centuries of strict regime has produced. They are weak, but we know what is best for them better than do the demagogues."

"Do you think, then, that they will turn to you as czar?"

"Why not? They are accustomed to the old form of religion and the old form of Government, and, like little children, they will wish at last to come home."

"You believe, then, that many forms of Republicanism (Government will be tried until at last, unable to distinguish between them, and finding in each something of the bitter meaning of Lenin and Trotsky, the Russian people will call for the old regime?"

He leaned forward, his face serious.

"Mr. Prince, they must do that. If they want peace and security, they must call upon us. They never will get it any other way."

"What would your policy be toward Germany should you return?"

"Russia has always felt friendly toward Germany and trusted her. Our commercial relations have been most satisfactory. We would like to keep them so. But one moment—the Grand

Duchess also has views upon this subject."

We arose, and the Grand Duchess was introduced, a tall, strong woman, with a face full of power and intelligence. Here was a stronger nature than her husband's, it seemed—more sure of itself.

She immediately took up the thread of the conversation.

"When it comes to violent action, the Russian people do in a year what it takes other countries centuries to accomplish. You think of kings as despots, but the Russians under the Czar had all the liberty they needed."

"Don't you think Germany is using the present opportunities to establish itself firmly in the commercial life of Russia?"

"Yes," she replied, "but that is not Russia's fault. The field is open to any nation which will take the trouble to build for future relations. The German attitude is evident; you Allies did not use force enough to drive home victory, and they feel that they were not really the losers. For the Allies cause it would have been better to have let Foch drive on to Berlin."

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RELIGION IN EDUCATION

The campaign for more general application of the teaching of religion in the schools is gathering volume and strength in Britain. The deepest thinkers are coming to a realization that the nation stands in need of a cultural revival, and that in the process it is essential the Bible should resume its place in the educational scheme. Without religion in the schools it is undoubted that education is deprived of what combines in the highest degree vitality, truth, power and beauty. For the development of the spiritual life, to offset so much of the sordidness that attaches to material considerations, it is necessary to come into contact with the heart and soul of humanity. The Bible is not only a compendium of information that imparts discipline and transmits life, but it inspires intellectual movement and recreates individual ideals and aims.

We had occasion recently to quote the late Hamilton Wright Mabie, who was assistant editor of The Outlook of New York. He it was who said that the man who would get the ripest culture from books ought to read many, but there are a few books which he must read; among them, first and foremost, are the Bible, and the works of Homer, Dante, Shakespeare and Goethe. These, he characterizes as the supreme books of life, as distinguished from the books of knowledge and skill. The Bible, above all, is the book that can revive the creative moral energy. It is lack of such energy that lies at the root of mental discontent and failure. You go to any country and search the records of its greatest writers and you will find in them all a tribute to what the Bible has done for them in the record of their thoughts. Heine, the "first in rank and last in time" of the romantic poets of Germany, pays his tribute to the Book. He found in it a grand democracy where each man shall be not only king in his own house, but also bishop. It is what founds "the great kingdom of the spirit, the kingdom of the religious emotions and the love of humanity, of purity, of true morality, which cannot be taught by dogmatic formulae, but by parable and example, such as are contained in that beautiful, sacred educational book for young and old—the Bible."

There is a new hope and a new inspiration for the future of the British race in the movement now developing which will bring religion into the educational life of the nation. It is an old, old story, it is true, that of bringing the youth of a country into contact again with the endless resurrection of a Divine love; it is an old inspiration and an old hope, but it is the story and the inspiration and the hope that are eternal. Any scheme of education is lacking, and poor to the point of pauperism, unless it contains the "Literature of Power"—the manifest experiences of the spirit distilled and stored up in letters. Culture is an affair of the spirit and for that reason education must look to the Bible more than to any other book for the uplifting of the soul. Apart from this aspect, as John Richard Green said, "The English version of the Bible remains the noblest example of the English tongue—the standard of our language." It is a realization of the place of religion in education which is intensifying the present campaign in Britain, and in connection with that campaign we quote the following extract from The Glasgow Herald, which epitomizes a desire that is now crystallizing in the hearts of the British people:

Religion is an essential factor in education as in life; the child has an indefinable right to his religious heritage. If through defect of the home or vocational demands upon the time of the parent stand instruction and training cannot be imparted through voluntary agencies outside the school, the child must not therefore be deprived of his birthright. The State must lend its aid. The State is itself of no denomination. It cannot teach dogma. It is of all denominations, and, apart from all higher considerations, prudence and even necessity would force it to make due provision for the Godly upbringing of the youth of the realm. It is not too much to say that the vast majority both of English and Scottish parents desire their children to enjoy the benefits of an education which includes the religious element. They recognize, if not in the exact words, that Heaven lies about us in our infancy, and that the young person has missed something of inestimable value who has not had opportunity of cultivating the devotional spirit and attitude by acts of united worship no less than of receiving positive instruction in the tenets of the creeds.

WIRELESS PHOTOGRAPHY

Recently there have been experiments of the transmission from London to New York of photographs by wireless telegraphy. The experiment is not wholly a new one, although it is new in the transmission being over such a long distance. About 19 years ago it was a common occurrence to have photographs reproduced in The London Daily Mirror sent by wireless from Paris, but for a long time the invention attracted but little attention. The latest experiment has been very successful, and this newspaper has reproduced some of the photographs received on this continent. The method employed is as follows:

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

The watchword or slogan of the present Mayor of Victoria was, "Economy till it hurts." The new Mayor of Vancouver says, "They put me in to spend the money, and I think I have diplomacy enough to swing the boys." The boys to be swung, we assume, are the members of the City Council. Consequently a "new era has been inaugurated" in Vancouver. The days of economy are over; the time to cut loose and spend the money has arrived.

The new Mayor of Vancouver is an optimist.

He always was an optimist. We remember the time when he announced that he was going to erect the largest building in the British Empire. That mammoth structure was to be the home of his newspaper. The building arose and still stands in all the splendour of its grand proportions, but it is not the home of any newspaper. The newspaper it was built for is dead and the hopes of many financially interested in it are also dead.

MR. J. LEWIS PATON

The National Council of Education in this country has done exceedingly well in inducing such an educationalist as Mr. J. Lewis Paton to spend a year in Canada, visiting its different centres of population with the object of stirring up an interest in education and its true methods. Mr. Paton has just laid down the high mastership of Manchester Grammar School after 21 years service. So efficient has that service been that he is known as "Paton of Manchester," for he has made the school famous and has earned the reputation of being "a perfect wizard with boys." Mr. Paton is 60 years old. It is said that one of his secrets of success at the Manchester School lay in his power over his staff. He inspired belief among that staff, just as he did among the boys and their parents. The school, under his guidance, not only secured a fine record for scholarship but soon became among the first in sports and pastimes, and has been the leading school in England for camp life and open air pursuits.

CRADLES AND TOMBS

About astronomy, as the course of study shows, there should be nothing dogmatic. Opinions have to be revised constantly. The theorist who suggests that the universe will ultimately vanish into radiations which travel on forever, is reminded by another student of the heavens that he has overlooked three classes of heat absorbing bodies in the universe. The first is the gaseous nebulae that extend over colossal regions of space. The second is the stellar dust which is continually expelled from the incandescent surfaces of radiant suns by light pressure and which bombards all space. The third is the extinct stars with which interstellar space is (relatively) crowded. The same student recalls that Camille Flammarion says that in the heavens there are "cradles and tombs." Arrhenius, who takes the ether-matter plenum of the universe, "as infinite in extent and eternal in time," in calculating the periodicity of star collisions, estimates the dark bodies as a hundred times more numerous than the luminous ones.

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(From The Daily British Colonist of December 21, 1874)

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The steamer North Pacific, with the overland mail, 28 passengers and the following freight, arrived from Tacoma yesterday afternoon: 1,172 sacks of flour, 112 sacks of bran, 20 barrels of pork, 114 sacks of wheat, 20 sacks of oatmeal, 20 sacks of shorts, 20 barrels apples, 1,114 sacks of potatoes, and 6 bogs. The steamer sailed again at 4 o'clock this morning.

DUNCAN IS COLD, TOO

DUNCAN, Dec. 20.—Duncan is no exception when it comes to the "cold snap." It is sharing it with the rest of the country. With some it is greeted with delight, as lovers of skating are taking keen interest in the splendid sheet of ice on Bonhomme Lake and the flooded fields adjoining. With others, frozen pipes and the troubles that go with them take away any joy that can be found in cold weather.

In 1894 there were 1,282 deaths in Havana from yellow fever.

Today, December 21

Is the Anniversary of:

Festival of St. Thomas, the Apostle.
Birth of Thomas a Becket, the famous Archbishop of Canterbury and Chancellor of England, who was murdered by the minions of Henry II; London, 1118.

Birth of Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield; London, 1804.

Death of Giovanni Boccaccio, celebrated tale-writer, author of The Decameron; Certaldo, Italy, 1375.

Death of Maximilien, Duke of Sully, famous minister of King Henry IV of France; Villebon, 1641.

Death of Catherine of Braganza, unhappy Queen of Charles II, of England; Lisbon, 1705.

Arrival of General Sherman's army at Savannah; 1864.

Incorporation of Nanaimo as a city; 1874.

Appointment of the late Noah Shakespeare as postmaster of Victoria; 1887.

Elevation of Sir Mackenzie Bowell to the Premiership of the Dominion; 1894.

December 22 Anniversaries

Shortest day in the year.
Birth of Charles Stuart Calverley, noted humorous writer and parodist; Martley, Worcestershire, 1831.

Birth of Sir Richard Everard Webb, Baron Alverstone, the eminent English statesman and jurist, who decided against Canada in the Alaska Boundary case; 1842.

Death of Sir Philip Francis, reputed author of the "Letter of Junius"; London, 1818.

Death of Rev. M. J. Routh, president of Magdalen College, Oxford, in his 100th year; Oxford, 1854.

Death of Marian Evans, novelist, who wrote under name of "George Eliot"; London, 1880.

Death of L. Moody, the noted American evangelist; Northfield, Mass., 1899.

Insurrection of negroes in Jamaica; 1831.

Award to leaders of \$44,000 by Behring Sea Commission; 1897.

CHANGE DEBATE

The subject for the big debate in the end of January has been changed in compliance with the wishes of those scholastic institutions and service clubs that have already chosen speakers to represent them. The Oxford debating team, now at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, is being notified by night letter of the change, the resolution now reading: "That to encourage immigration into Canada during a period of commercial depression, is an economic mistake."

If it is found that the Chamber of Commerce Hall cannot accommodate those anxious to be present at this debate, a larger building will be secured.

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Tea Sets, three pieces, \$35 to \$20.00.

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The judging was exceptional difficult, as with two exceptional school principals sent in only the best three or four essays from their respective schools. The judges, Mr. W. L. Macken, Mr. Morgan Eastman and Dr. T. H. Boggs, pronounced the essays as of a very high character. Great care and thought had been spent on their preparation, and the results of hard study were apparent.

Mr. A. A. Millidge, manager of the "Buy B.C. Products Campaign," says that the competition was a great success, and demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the resources and industries of their own Province.

The B.C. products silver challenge trophy has been awarded to the Oak Bay High School for the school receiving the greatest number of marks according to enrollment. This cup will probably be presented to the school on the occasion of Mr. Millidge's visit to Victoria early in January, when he will address the different schools.

Individual winners were as follows:

Class "A," pupils 14 years of age or over: subject, "The Value of Buying British Columbia Products"—1, \$50, Mary H. Watts, Vernon High School, age 16; 2, \$30, Peggy Gourley, Oak Bay High School, Victoria, age 17; 3, \$15, Roy Graham, Langley High School, age 15; 4, \$10, Margaret Parker, Dawson School, Vancouver, age 14; 5, \$5, Elsie Watts, Oak Bay High School, Victoria, age 16.

Class "B," pupils under 14 years of age: subject, "Resources and Industries of British Columbia"—1, \$40, Margaret O. Muirhead, King George High School, Vancouver, age 13; 2, \$20, Dorothy Burnett, Simon Fraser School, age 12; 3, \$15, Alice Wagner, Kitano High School, age 13; 4, \$10, J. Norman Robertson, Richard McBride School, South Vancouver, age 13; 5, \$5, Lillian Stone, Kingsway West School, Burnaby, age 13.

Favorite Hymns and Their Writers

By REV. ARCHER WALLACE

"STILL, STILL WITH THEE"

It is doubtful whether America has ever produced another family equal to the one of which Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Still with Thee," was a member. Her father was Rev. Lyman Beecher, himself a famous preacher, and her brother was the still more famous Henry Ward Beecher. Indeed, all the brothers and sisters of that large family were conspicuous for their ability.

In 1822 Harriet, who was then twenty years of age, went to Cincinnati with her father, who had been made president of the Lane Theological Seminary. When there she became the wife of Prof. C. E. Stowe, who was a man of great ability and a good husband.

While in Cincinnati, Mrs. Stowe often visited the slaves, and witnessed the escape of many to Canada. She became deeply interested in the movement for the freedom of the slaves, and made a close study of conditions. In 1851, she published her book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." It appeared as a serial in the Western National Era, and it was eagerly read on both sides of the Atlantic. By the end of the first year, one million copies had been printed. Up till the present it has been translated into twenty languages.

In 1855 Henry Ward Beecher published a hymn-book, in which there were three hymns by Mrs. Stowe. These were: "That Mystic Word of Thine, O Sovereign Lord"; "When Winds Are Raging Over the Lonesome Ocean," and "Still, Still with Thee." Of these three the last named has become a classic, and is found in nearly every good collection of hymns. It is based on Psalm 139:1-13. "When I Awake I Am Still with Thee."

The hymn touches the depths of the soul life. Mrs. Stowe's life was by no means one of unbroken ease. For many years she was in poor health and at times suffered great physical pain. Her husband had a complete breakdown in health and while he was in the East seeking health, a scourge of cholera visited Cincinnati, and their youngest child died. Some years later, the eldest son, Harry, who was a student at Dartmouth, was drowned in the Connecticut River. Mrs. Stowe said that this was the most crushing blow of her life. Another son was wounded in the head at the battle of Gettysburg. His brain was affected and he never was himself again. In spite of such a succession of severe blows,

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Mrs. Stowe maintained a firm trust in the Divine wisdom and goodness, and to her the most precious thing in life was a deep sense of God's continued presence. It was this thought which sustained her through the many afflictions through which she passed. All the stanzas of the hymn, "Still, Still with Thee," are of singular beauty. Here is the last one:

"So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
In that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with Thee."

Canada's Story Day by Day

By ROSEWYN DAVIES

DECEMBER 21

Canada has within her borders ten per cent of all the water power in the world. Only one country in the world exceeds Canada's per capita power development, and that is Norway. Nevertheless, with all this power already developed, the Dominion is making use of only seven per cent of her recorded water power. The power developed annually represents an equivalent to twenty-seven million tons of coal. About this time in 1921, the first power was developed at the Queenstown-Chippawa station which was established by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and which utilizes the drop of some 200 feet, to generate its power. The station contains the greatest turbines and generators in the world, each of the turbines having a capacity of 55,000 horse power. The next great power development scheme will no doubt be in connection with the St. Lawrence waterway.

DECEMBER 22

The discoveries of Vitus Behring, captain of the navy of Peter the Great, had won for Russia control of that part of North America afterwards known as Alaska. In 1867 Russia sold this territory to the United States for \$7,200,000. Alaska was rich in fur, and most valued of all were the sealing grounds, where the fur seals swarmed all Spring and Summer. Canadian and American were rivals in the great fur trade in the Behring Sea, and in 1886 a United States cruiser seized three Canadian vessels for an alleged violation of United States rights. The Canadians declined to recognize the claims of the Americans, and further seizures were made up till 1896. Finally it became necessary to seek arbitration. The United States entered claim to all the seals, even beyond the three-mile limit from their territory, and to a special jurisdiction over the whole of Behring Sea. The decision of the arbitration commission was a victory for Canadian rights. The decision declared that the United States had no property rights to seals caught outside the three-mile limit and ordered that compensation of \$45,000 be paid to the Canadian sealers. The decision of the commission was reached on this day in December, 1897.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Once a year, and only once a year, the great modern world stops its rush, and just to celebrate the birthday of a little Babe. The roar of life is stilled for one whole day, just because a Baby Boy was born in Asia nearly two thousand years ago. The skies may be dark, and frosts may reign, but in a million hearts and homes there is a warmth of joy and gladness and peace and hope. This cold old world is flooded with a flood of sympathy and charity and love gifts; and a million hearts are melted with a spirit of forgiveness and unselfishness which is in itself a miracle. But let Canadian Christians never forget that Christmas without Christ is no Christmas. Christmas is merry and cheerful because on this day that Babe was born Whose coming was heralded for us by the prophets of the Old Testament and propheta. God hung a star in the heavens to tell the weary world of His coming. The wisdom

of the Orient saluted Him. Angelic armies announced His birth with rapturous song. For He Who was born that day was Jesus the Saviour, and Christ the consummation of a thousand prophetic wonders, and the Lord of Glory, very God of very God. Christmas is a holiday for worldly goodwill and earth-born benevolence. There is laughter and shouting; there is singing and joy; the clasping hands of friendship, the merry shrieks of children; there are gifts and games, carols, forgiveness and good cheer. Thank God for it all. But let the Christians of Canada ever remember that all that is in our land today was born with Christ. The light that dispels the shadows, the cheer that silences gloom, the voices that dry wet eyes; the kind hands that steady and thrill; all spring from the day on which the Son of God arrived from heaven. For Jesus Christ came into this world as at this time not as a mere man but as a good life and die a martyr's death, to give example of kindness and human purity, but as the Lamb of God Who came to heal the great open sore of humanity, the sin of the world. And best of all that is for me, for you.

As the little girl who used to write the name of her friends in her birthday textbook, wrote on December 25, "Dear Jesus Christ," and when asked what it meant, replied with flushing cheeks, "Jesus is my very best and dearest Friend and He is the nicest birthday of all the year!" So may it be with us all.

HER CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(Gene Stratton Porter)

Someone has sent to me your Christmas Message, Gene. The words scarce penned by thee—now with the Great Unseen.

Dear Heart of Gold, 'twas writ, and signed and sealed and mailed, Seared on the press, to tell: When thou, Death's Angel halted,

To "read, to mark, to learn and inwardly digest?"

This earth doth groan and yearn for such a message.

God grant that thou, His child, Whose Truth thy pen didst paint, May cheer the broken heart, nor hearten less the faint.

How dearly have I loved thy treasured stories, too! "Freelocks," and "Lumberlost," my mind first calls to view.

I feel thy presence near, they hover—winged visions o'erhead;

Take thou the Answer, Dear—this watch-hour, Night—so dread!

We lift the torch thou fanned. His be the Power to flame:

Poor paltry pride, lust, greed all banned, nor less than these count fame.

Thy words so truly thought "shall the world's famines feed?"

Eternal Christmas wrought, and thou—the fruitful seed!

Glad tidings of great joy, flamed from thy mountain-peak,

Freely from earth's base alloy: "Love" doth the Angel speak.

Hark to the cloistered choir proclaiming Peace above,

While peak her anthem higher—"Outstanding Gift of Love!"

—Jeanne Valdez
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 13, 1924.

OBITUARIES

PEPPAS—The death took place on Thursday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Nicholas Peppas, age 79 years, and a resident of this city for many years, and for several years was in the confectionery business. The remains are resting at the Sands Funeral Chapel, and the funeral will be announced later.

CRAWFORD—Service for the late Mr. Alexander Melville Crawford will be held at the residence, 1669 Pembroke Street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

JOCK—The funeral of the late Dong Jock, who passed away at 1810 Government Street last Thursday, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral

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Home Contract Let—Mrs. J. M. Milne has awarded the contract for remodeling her home at Metchem to D. H. Ball. The alterations will cost \$3,000.

Perjury Trial—The trial of Frederick A. McDonald, charged with perjury, has been set for Monday. He will elect before Judge Lampman, and if speedy trial is selected the case will go on proceeded.

City Temple Services—Rev. Clem Davies will speak on "The Virgin Birth" at the evening service in the Victoria Temple today. Dr. Julian Edwards will conduct a cantata, "The Redeemer."

Equinault Methodist—Today there will be special music at all services. In the morning the children will sing under the guidance of Miss M. Thompson, and at the evening service a good programme has been provided.

Equinault Appeal—The Equinault Friendly Help is asking for donations of money, food and clothing for its Christmas hampers, to be left at the Sailors' Club on or before Monday. A meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the club on Monday to arrange for packing the hampers on the following day. All members and delegates are asked to be present.

Cancel Luncheons—The regular weekly luncheons and business meetings of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce will not be held during the holiday weeks. There will, therefore, be no luncheon in the rooms on Monday of this week nor on the following Monday unless some special business arises to warrant the calling of a special meeting.

Municipal Concert Band—For its fourth concert to be given at the Playhouse Theatre, Sunday afternoon, the Municipal Concert Band has prepared another excellent programme. Miss Jean Miller will give a Christmas reading. Mr. Butler will be the vocalist, and Alderman Woodward will act as chairman and give a short address.

G. W. V. A. Christmas Tree—The Great War Veterans' Association will hold its annual Christmas tree entertainment tomorrow at the club premises, corner of Broad and Johnson Streets, from 3 to 6 p.m. The guests will be the children of the members of the organization, and a good programme has been arranged for the enjoyment of the kiddies.

Christ Church Cathedral—Special music for the Christmas season will be rendered at choral evenings at Christ Church Cathedral today at 7 p.m., when the choir will sing "And the Glory of the Lord" and the aria and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest" from Handel's "Messiah." Mrs. Georgina Watt will sing the contralto aria.

Answer Two Calls—The Victoria fire department answered two fire

calls last night, the first at 8:47 to the corner of Douglas and Belleville Streets, where a house fire was extinguished, and the second at 8:55 to 2433 Quana Street, near the corner of King's Road, where a chimney fire was put out. No damage was sustained in either case.

Paul Ray Christmas Tree—At 7 o'clock on Monday evening, the Paul Ray Athletic Association is giving a Christmas tree to all the boys and girls of the district under twelve years of age. Parents are asked to bring or send their children to Margaret Jenkins School. The children's party will end at 9 p.m., and will be followed by a dance for the grown-ups from 9 to 12.

Ward Two Meeting—The Ward Two Ratepayers' Association will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in Toimie School, for the purpose of endorsing candidates for municipal office in Saanich, and holding its annual election of officers. Reeve Macnicol will be present and will act as councillor for Ward Two, school board and police commission are invited to address the gathering.

Will Lunch in Jail—Every member of the Victoria Gyr Club has been summoned to appear at the city jail tomorrow at 12:10 noon. The lunch will be a friendly visit to the police department, where luncheon will be held. Chief John Fry will show the service club members over the building and explain some inside workings of the department. Every member is asked to attend.

Christmas for Unity—At the Unity headquarters, 400 Campbell Building, a special Christmas service has been arranged for this evening at half past seven. The hall has been artistically decorated for the occasion. The subject of the evening, Gordon Grant's talk will be "The Star, the Babe and the Wise Men." A special musical programme will be given, Miss Lloyd Wynne, of London, England, being the soloist.

Sing for Sick—The Arion Club gave the patients in the tubercular ward of the Jubilee Hospital a treat last week when they appeared in force and rendered a two-hour programme of song. After the concert the ladies of the Victoria Women's Institute of the club of the committee of the Tubercular Veterans' Association served refreshments to the patients and distributed a Christmas box to each. A Christmas cake was left to be shared later.

Ward Six Meeting—Councillor Hagen of Ward Six will give an account of his stewardship as the ward's representative on the Saanich Council at the meeting of the Ward Six Ratepayers' Association, which takes place tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Temperance Hall, Keating. Reeve Macnicol will deliver an address and other aspirants for municipal office will speak. The annual election of officers of the organization will also take place.

Christmas Music—At Fairfield Methodist Church today there will be special Christmas music at the 11 o'clock service, including an alto solo by Mrs. G. Watt: "O Thou That Tellest," recitative and aria (Lancelotti). At the 7:30 service the evening Miss Lola Lockwood will be the soloist, giving Adams' "Star of Bethlehem," and the anthem will be Faure's "Sing, O Heavens." The preacher at both services will be the Rev. J. Robson, B.A.

Orange Anniversary—On Tuesday, December 23, at 8 p.m., in the Orange Hall, Courtney Street, the Loyal Orange Association will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Order on Vancouver Island. The charter was issued to Victoria, L. O. L. 1436 on December 23, 1874. Mr. Julius Brethour being first worshipful master. A splendid programme has been arranged. A good time is assured and refreshments will be served. All sisters and brothers of the Order are cordially invited.

Visitors Enthusiastic—One hundred satisfied visitors from various parts of Canada were in attendance at the concert and dance in the Chalmers hall, celebrating the jubilee on Friday night. The concert programme was very capably handled by the local Kiwanis Club, assisted by Miss Jessie Smith as accompanist. Mr. H. G. Hinton acted as chairman. Visitors are requested to note that no entertainment will be given next Friday night owing to the Christmas holidays, but the Rotary Club will be ready with all hands on deck for a real good performance on Friday, January 2.

Carol Concert—On Monday, December 22, at 8 p.m., the choir of St. Mary's will give its annual carol concert in St. Mary's Hall, Oak Bay. Many charming and interesting carols will be introduced. The choir will be assisted by Miss D. Francis, violinist, who has lately returned from Europe, where she has been studying under the leading violin masters for the past two years. A short talk on the origin and development of the carol will be given by Mr. F. T. G. Wickert. The concert will conclude with the fifteenth century Boar's Head carol, performed with the traditional ceremonial. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Welsh Christmas Tree—The Welsh Society will have its annual Christmas treat for the children in the evening of New Year's Day. The committee in charge met on Wednesday evening and decided that all Welsh children in and adjacent to Victoria be invited to join in this celebration. In order that no one will be overlooked, all children are asked to send in their names by mail to Mr. D. Evans, 827 Collinson Street, or phone Mrs. W. D. Morgan at 7738R; Mrs. Bricker, at 1531A; W. Jones, 1428X; or Mr. R. Thomas, 5181L. Names should be in by December 26 to give Santa Claus enough time to get presents. The committee also appreciate a generous donation of cakes and sandwiches will be appreciated by the committee. In connection with the celebration, the Rhondda Welsh Male Choir, the executive committee the following for assistance: Madames Bricker, Lewis, Williams, Morgan, Davies, D. Thomas, W. Jones, Meers, W. P. Jones, D. Evans, W. D. Morgan and J. M. Thomas. Professor Morgan (conductor) said the local reception exceeded all previous receptions.

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MR. GEORGE J. BOTHWELL DIED AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT

Active Member of Y.M.C.A.—Had Promising Career, Sickness Over-taking Him at University

One of Victoria's most promising young men and a very popular athlete, George Jeffery Bothwell, passed away last night at his home, 615 Cornwall Street, after a long illness that had confined him to his bed. He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Bothwell, and one brother, Granville.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that the announcement of his death was received, as "Jeff," as he was best known among his colleagues, was a very popular young man and had a promising career before him.

He was born in this city and was nineteen years of age. An active member of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Bothwell leaves behind him a host of friends. He was prominent in the inter-Sunday school sports, being an enthusiastic basketball player and swimmer. He was also a member of the Colonist staff for a number of years.

Educated in the public school and High School, he matriculated and went to the University of British Columbia, where he studied for a year. It was at the end of his term at university that sickness overtook him and confined him to his home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sooke Harbor Hotel—Capt. J. E. Noble, of this city, formerly of Vancouver and Seattle, has purchased the half interest of Miss N. Needs in the Sooke Harbor Hotel. Capt. and Mrs. Noble will take up residence at the hotel on Monday, when they will be ready to receive guests. Mr. Wallis still remains a partner in the hotel, while Miss Needs will shortly leave for England.

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The B.C. Dramatic School will be closed from December 19 to January 2, for the holidays. Will reopen with classes as usual Saturday, January 3.

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HOBART, Ont., Dec. 20.—Mrs. F. burned to death when their small home was destroyed by fire starting from a stove.

Christendom the World Over

A Weekly Review of Religious News

Scarcely represented in British Columbia but with considerable membership in Alberta, the total communicant enrollment of Lutherans on this continent is 2,626,774, divided among several Synods, such as the Missouri Synod, largely composed of Germans, the Augustana Synod, which has a Swedish constituency, and the United Lutherans, the largest branch, with a membership of 801,250. The United Lutherans at their recent convention in Chicago decided, after some hesitation on doctrinal grounds, to be represented at the World Conference on Faith and Order to be held at Stockholm next year given by the Lutherans, who are distinctly conservative in theology, will submit their doctrinal basis to the conference, the promoter of which, by the way, is Archbishop Soderblom, of the Swedish Lutheran Church. For missionary operations, the American Lutherans give yearly over a million dollars.

Feminist Movement in the Church of England

London dispatches state that the House of Clergy of the Church of England is in favor of delecting the word "obey" from the marriage service and calling for a more general promise of love and service. A similar resolution was recently defeated in the House of Laity. Miss Maude Royden, of Guildford House and formerly associate minister at the City Temple, is the head of the League of Church Militants which is pressing for the abolition from the marriage service of certain features claimed to be contrary to the real spirit of Christianity. Besides the House of Clergy, the House of Bishops and the House of Laity must endorse the innovations, after which they must pass the national assembly composed of all the houses, and then be made law by the Houses of Parliament.

Through hearty co-operation among the missionary societies several splendid exhibits of the church's work abroad were among the many interesting features of the Wembley exhibition. The stewards in charge compute that about a quarter of a million people saw the exhibits and listened to the addresses given at the two main stands of Nigeria and India. A like unity and success characterized the joint evangelistic work at the Bungalow, where daily services for prayer and preaching were held.

Personalia
The late Bishop of Zanzibar is described by The Church Times as the greatest missionary bishop of our time. It eulogizes his efforts for the backward peoples of East Africa. He was the acknowledged spiritual leader of last year's Anglo-Catholic Congress, to which he left this message: "You cannot claim to worship Jesus in the Tabernacle if you do not pity Him in the slum."

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton's volume of "Best Sermons of 1924" is criticized by the religious journals, not so much for the quality of the sermons, which are pronounced good, even if not the "best," but because of the inevitable arbitrary and presumptuous judgment implied in the choice.

Not only is Premier Herriot, of the French Republic, a Protestant, but

also the President of the Senate, many prefects and judges, and a number of members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. Out of a Protestant population in France of only one in forty, one-third of the members of the council of state and the chief courts of appeal are Protestant.

E. Campbell White, well known in Canada twenty years ago as promoter of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has organized a Laymen's Church League in the United States, dedicated to the encouragement of a more active spiritual life among the men of the churches.

Interesting Items From Many Lands

Thirty verses of the twenty-sixth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, written on a crumpled piece of papyrus, which is believed to date from 300 A.D., have been discovered by a British Museum expert while sorting out a collection of papyrus. A Conference on the Living Religions of the Empire, held during the Wembley Exhibition, brought out a large attendance to hear impassioned presentations of Hinduism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and various other Eastern faiths and cults. Christianity, for some reason or other, was not on the programme.

Almost every one of the members of the Presbyterian congregation at Grover City, Oregon, devotes one-tenth of his income to religious and charitable objects. This church spends \$15,000 on itself and twice that amount on missionary and benevolent institutions.

The Bible is a luxury in Russia. Some 50,000 Scriptures are lying in stock at Revel, waiting for the payment of the necessary "luxury tax" of thirty cents on each Bible or parcel of four New Testaments. The recent Christian Endeavor European convention endorsed the idea of Christian workers throughout the world contributing each the thirty cents required to release the Bible for its beneficent work.

At the conclusion of his recent fast, which he underwent for the purpose of ending the conflict between Hindus and Mohammedans in India, Mahatma Gandhi asked a Mohammedan friend to recite a prayer from the Koran, a Hindu to repeat a verse from the Upanishads, and a Christian friend to sing the hymn beginning: "When I survey the wondrous cross."

John D. Rockefeller, Junior, has organized his men's Bible class at the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, on a military basis, with generals, major-generals, majors, captains and the like, with a competition between the divisions of red and blue for new members.

Canadian Church News
When the present Bishop of Calgary visited for the first time, thirty-eight years ago, the reserves of the Blackfoot, Blood, Piegan and Sarcee Indians, there was not one Christian Indian among them. At the present time, out of an Indian population of 2,844 the Church of England claims 1,082 as members, and each of the four missions sends a lay delegate to Synod.

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Miss Gaila Merkuff, daughter of General and Mrs. Merkuff, formerly of Russia and now residents of this city, has been engaged as soprano with a quartette, to tour the leading cities of America. Miss Merkuff began her vocal training in Victoria about a year ago, with Cav. Di Castri.

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Spends Week-End

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Home for Holidays

Master Jerry Taylor, of St. Aidan's School, will spend the holidays with his parents in Vancouver. Master Bobby Lonsdale accompanied Master Taylor and will be his guest until New Year's.

Visitors From Tacoma

Mrs. J. B. Lyon, Miss Agnes Lyon, and Mr. Lyon, of Tacoma, have returned to their homes after spending a few days in the city. While in the city they were guests at the Empress Hotel.

Going to Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowser, and Miss Gladys Irving, of "Bancana," are leaving on Tuesday for Seattle, where they will remain until the end of the week. On Friday Mr. Bowser will go to Vancouver.

To Port Angeles

Miss Sydney Murray and Miss Wilda Lawrence left yesterday for their homes in Port Angeles, where they will spend Christmas. The Misses Murray and Lawrence are pupils of St. Ann's Academy.

To Meet Soon

Mr. J. L. Noble, of Vancouver, who came over to meet his son, Lindsey, who is a student at St. Aidan's School, returned with him on Friday. Master Noble will return after the New Year.

Marriage Arranged

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place, between Mrs. E. M. E. McCullagh (nee Marwick), and Lieut.-Colonel Ralph, of Vancouver, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, both of Victoria, B.C.

Goes Up Island

Master Richard Charter, of St. Aidan's School, left Friday for his home, Manor Farm, Crofton, where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

To California

Mrs. T. M. Power Potts and her son, Paddy, have left for San Francisco, where they will join Major Potts and spend the Christmas holidays with Major Potts' mother.

Home for Holidays

Master Calvin Inzerilo and brother, who have been attending Brentwood College, have left to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents at Redgwick, Alta.

Sustains Injury

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Grop will regret to hear that he slipped and broke his leg on Wednesday. He is now convalescing at his home.

For Vacation

Miss Gwen Cowper left yesterday for Vancouver, where she will spend the Christmas vacation with her grandmother.

From College

Mr. Robert Brindley, of Brentwood College, will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. James Shields, 1004 Newport Avenue, Oak Bay.

Here for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Gillespie, of Cowichan Lake, will spend Christmas in Victoria at 923, Southgate Street.

Returns to Mainland

Mr. A. R. Tufts has returned to his home in Vancouver after a few days' stay in the city.

To Visit Seattle

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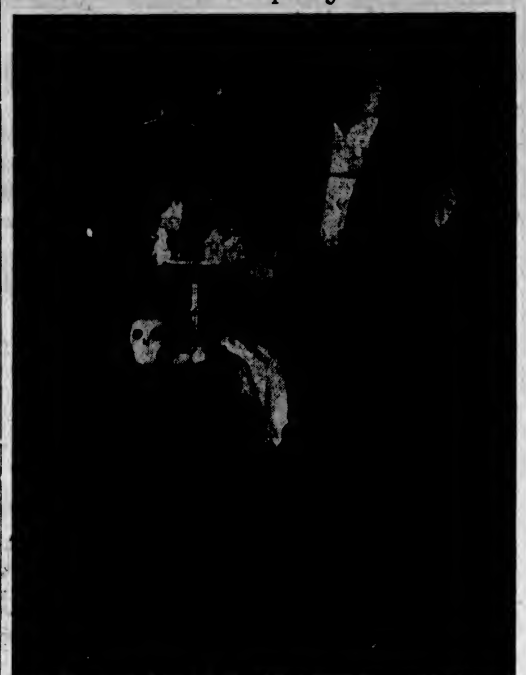
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For Vancouver

Mr. H. Maynard, 884 Esquimalt Road, left last evening for Vancouver on a short business trip.

DUNCAN

Teachers Depart

Miss Naylor, of the local teaching staff, has left for Vancouver, where she will spend her holidays. Miss George and Miss Schwengers have departed for their respective homes in Victoria.

Close for Holidays

The various divisions in the Duncan Consolidated School, and their Christmas holiday break-up festivities on Thursday afternoon. On Friday the school closed, to reopen on January 5.

School Pupils Dance

The pupils of the Duncan High School entertained at a delightful "break-up" dance Friday evening, in St. John's Hall.

Returns to Chemainus

Miss Grace McInnes, who has been on the teaching staff of the Duncan Consolidated School, has returned to her home in Chemainus.

From Combs

Mr. Walter Ford, of Combs, was a visitor in Duncan last week, stopping off en route to Victoria.

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Win Card Prizes

The usual fortnightly card party took place at the Institute Hall, Slugga, on Wednesday evening. These winning prizes were Mrs. Sidney Lee, Miss G. Guy, Mr. Gosselin and Mr. A. Guy; second, Mrs. Lacouriere, Mrs. F. Fox, Consul; and third, Mrs. A. Guy. The high bid prize went to Mrs. A. Guy and Mr. Hugh Eford. This tournament being the finish of the first series, the season's prizes were awarded. These were won by Mr. and Mrs. A. Guy. The next card party will be held on Monday, December 29, instead of December 31, and will be a special. Picked tables can be arranged by phoning Mrs. R. J. Freeland, 314 Keatinge.

Make Social Plans

At a meeting of the Ladies' Guild held at the home of Mrs. Ryan, Keatinge, it was decided by the members to hold an informal dance at the West Esquimalt Institute Hall on Friday, January 2. It was also decided to cancel the next regular meeting, which would fall on Christmas Eve. Notice will be given later of the date and place of next meeting.

Here From Keefers

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lee, of Keefers, B.C., are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Buckle, West Road.

Return Home

The Misses Hilda and Phyllis Maher have returned from Keefers, where they made an extended visit to their brother, Mr. Charles Maher.

J.B.A.A. TO HOLD BOXING DAY DANCE
Prof. Hunt's Syncopators Will Provide Latest Dance Hits at Empress Friday Evening Next

What promises to be one of the most successful social events of the season is the Boxing Day dance, which will be held by the James Bay Athletic Association on Friday evening next in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel. The committee arranging the function is working energetically to make this dance the "best yet," and this popular athletic organization has certainly earned a well-deserved reputation for its past entertainments.

The choice of Boxing Day as the occasion for the next J. B. A. A. dance is a happy one indeed for two reasons. First, because it falls in Christmas week and will be a fitting climax to the Christmas celebrations, and secondly, because it was on Boxing Day last year that the J. B. A. A. scored a decided success with its function on that occasion, and this happy circumstance will undoubtedly be repeated this year in every particular.

The J. B. A. A. dance at the Empress Hotel will commence at 9 p.m. and will continue until 2 a.m. Prof. Hunt's band of syncopators has been engaged for the evening and that alone is sufficient guarantee that the

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CHILDREN'S AID NURSE IS MARRIED
Miss Marion Baxter Becomes Bride of Mr. Harry Simpson—Ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral

A popular one-time ward of the Children's Aid was married last evening at Christ Church Cathedral, when Very Rev. Cecil Quainton, Dean of Columbia, joined in wedlock Miss Marion Baxter, who has been a nurse at the Children's Aid for the past year, and Mr. Harry Simpson, of Vancouver. The bride, who was given in marriage by Alderman Harvey, president of the Children's Aid, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Gladys Gavett, one of the girls from the home, and Mr. Roy Macdonald attended the bridegroom as best man.

After the ceremony at the church, the bridal party repaired to the big house at 1234 Pandora Avenue, where a delightful little reception was held and supper served. The whole place was charmingly decorated for the occasion, and the table in the dining-room was centred with the big wedding cake, presented to the bride by the matron, Miss McCloy. There were felicitous speeches, Alderman Harvey toasting the bride in a very happy little address, in which he referred to her place in the Children's Aid, first as one of the wards of the home; later, on completion of her training course in the Vancouver Children's Hospital, a well-loved nurse in the institution here. Members of the committee who were at the wedding included Rev.

Dr. Clay, Rev. Dr. Stenby, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Wilby, and Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left for the midnight boat for Vancouver, where they will make their home.

At St. Andrew's Church—Special Christmas music will be given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church twice at both services. In the evening a service of song will be rendered by the choir. The usual Christmas hymns will be sung, and a very cordial invitation is extended to all.

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An exceedingly smart coat of Hudson seal, with large collar and cuffs of skunk. A regular \$400 value marked for disposal at—

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Beyond a doubt, this mink cape is one of the handsomest fur garments shown in Victoria in recent years. It was conservatively priced at \$1,200, and we are accepting a considerable loss in marking it at—

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Fox Animal Style Scarves, offering a choice of white, brown, beige or platinum fox. Reg. \$95. Sale Price—

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Cross Fox Scarves, reg. \$125. Sale Price—

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Silver Fox Scarves, reg. \$300. Sale Price—

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Stone Marten Ties, \$32.50 sale values from—

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The Growth-Form of "The Christmas Tree"

(By C. C. Penbertson)

A Christmas tree needs no introduction to the public, especially at this time of the year. Its representation is to be seen everywhere, in Christmas cards, literature and advertising matter. However, old the custom of having a "Christmas Tree" may be and whatever types of trees or shrubs may have been selected in the past, the conifer of the spruce and fir type is now the favorite and is generally known as "the Christmas tree". In fact in some works on botany the term is used to denote the spruce and fir growth-form.

Christmas trees have been artificially made and also commercially grown but the demand on this country has become so enormous that fears are expressed in the United States that the reproduction of conifers for timber is being endangered. In this as it may, to this vicinity we have as yet no dearth of young fir trees, in fact the clearing of young fir from the railway rights of way and other places of the country is more or less a problem, but probably under forestry control and conservation in management the exportation of Christmas trees will in future become a valuable asset and much waste land may be turned into profit yielding areas in the next few years. The growing of holly for shipment has shown what can be accomplished in this respect in our climate. Douglas fir trees are plentiful locally and fir seed should be easily obtainable. The thrifty farmer may therefore be able to reforest his barren lands and by the exportation of Christmas trees get returns in a comparatively few years.

The trees in use in Victoria are Douglas and Grand ("Balsam") fir and they make very choice Christmas trees.

The growth-form of conifers of the spruce and fir type obviously differs from that of the oak, maple, willow and other trees which are known as "broadleaf trees". A very young child can realize what a good well-formed Christmas tree should look like and no one here, young or old, would select an evergreen of the shape of an arbutus or even of a pine.

A Conical Evergreen

Why? What is there about the shape of a spruce or fir which makes it so desirable? Anyone can answer the question. The fir or spruce has a beautiful straight vertical stem from which lateral branches radiate. These with their horizontal branches make a series of curving shelves tapering in length from the base of the tree to its top and forming a lovely conical evergreen stand on which presents and ornaments can be hung or placed and to which candles or other lights may be affixed. The reason why the spruce or fir adopts the shape so

suitable for a Christmas tree and why this shape differs from that of the "broadleaf trees" of the type of oaks, maples, etc., is not so obvious. We can only look at what is known to affect the direction of the growth of trees in the hope of learning something about the reasons for this difference in form.

The most recent phase in botanical research is that of the plant in relation to its surroundings. Plants are known to possess an inherent power of response to exterior influences such as light, moisture, gravity, etc., and this power is termed "irritability." Light and gravity seem to be the most potent of the known influences

How Christmas Trees Grow



This illustration shows the "Christmas tree" type of growth-form as distinguished from that of other trees. Left—Grand (or Balsam) fir, Christmas tree type. Right—Douglas fir, Christmas tree type. Center—Oak (broadleaf) type. The fir type has always the single vertical stem (primary axis) with radiating lateral branches (secondary axes). In contrast to this the oak (or broadleaf) type has initially a single stem, but soon this breaks up into numerous stems and branches in which the identity of the primary stem is lost. Locality, Maplewood Road, Victoria district.

affecting the irritability of trees in the matter of direction of growth and in the spruce and fir type gravity seems to be the dominating influence.

In all seed plants gravity controls the direction of growth and the time of germination. It causes the primary root to descend in conformity with the attraction of gravitation and the primary shoot to ascend in application to the attraction of gravitation. Lateral roots and lateral shoots develop later. It is in the way the spruce develops during its earlier stages of development response to the law of gravity, that distinguishes this type of conifer from that of the oak, maple, etc. The spruce type strictly adheres to the single vertical stem and radiating lateral branches. The oak-maple type soon branches into innumerable limbs in which the identity of the primary shoot is lost and these limbs can assume a diversity of direction of growth.

The conifers are supposed to belong to an earlier evolutionary class than the oak and maple species. It has been suggested that the vertical main stem with radiating lateral branches may be the way the conifers have of responding to the law of gravity and at the same time securing the necessary supply of light and that therefore the lateral branches are a sort of combined obedience to gravity and adaptation to the necessity of obtaining light.

The oak-maple type, on the other hand, as they grow older, have departed from the inherent control of the law of gravity and become subject to numerous exterior influences which, though imperceptible to human intelligence, affect the direction of growth of the limbs of the trees in a most remarkable manner.

The cause of irritability in plants is one of the mysteries of life; but the ready response of the spruce-fir type to the mysterious dominating force of gravity makes the "Christmas tree" a fitting emblem of the joy of the believer in the mysterious birth of the Redeemer.

SEVENTY DEGREES DROP IN FOUR HOURS

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The severe cold coming six days ago in the Northwest, reached the Atlantic seaboard. The brunt of the zero weather was felt in the Middle West, while in the Northwest and Pacific Coast regions temperatures were moderating.

In the wake of the storm, followed by general near-zero and sub-zero temperatures, was left a trail of upwards of a score dead, badly disrupted wire communications, delayed train services, suffering on the part of humans and livestock, and fear of a fuel shortage in some sections. Indications were that the severe cold would continue tonight throughout most of the United States, but moderating temperatures and fair weather might be expected tomorrow.

Radio Replaces Wires

Despite a clearing up in weather conditions, wire communications to parts of Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and other Middle West states were eliminated or virtually cut off today, and many cities were forced to depend on the radio for their news of the outside world.

In the Southwest, temperatures moderated during the day, but train service and wire communications showed little indication of return to normal. The list of deaths directly or indirectly due to the storm in the Southwest section increased to eleven when a mother and two children at Hobart, Okla., were burned to death in a fire started by an overheated furnace.

Heavy Property Damage
Heavy property damage was caused by the storm and the cold weather in Missouri alone.

Christmas mail was being delayed throughout the country, and it was estimated that it might be three or four days before normal wire communications were restored.

Michigan reported four fatalities due to the cold, and in Chicago four persons were killed during the 24 hours in accidents due directly or indirectly to the storm and zero weather.

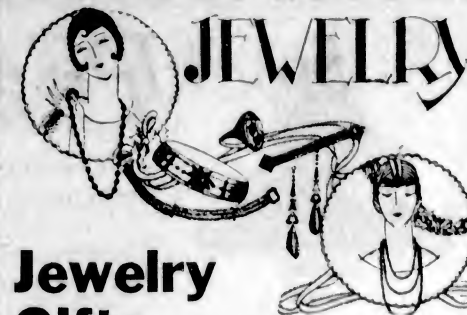
More than two hundred fire alarms were answered in Chicago today. The temperature here dropped to 8 below

VERBAL BOUQUETS AND REAL FLOWERS AT FINAL MEETING

Not only the usual verbal bouquets of final meetings, but actual flowers too, were in evidence at the police commission's last meeting of the year yesterday afternoon.

When nearing the peroration of his farewell speech, Mayor Hayward produced two perfect little white rosebuds and pinned them, badges of purity, on the coat lapels of his colleagues, Police Commissioners Aitken and Dr. Ernest Hall, thus setting a pretty precedent for subsequent mayors to follow.

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Christmas Groceries

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Smyrna Table Figs, per lb. 30¢, 40¢ and 50¢
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Perfection Sultanina, per lb. 60¢
Light Oriental, per lb. 60¢
Libby's Moist Mince-meat, royal jar 50¢
Libby's Mince-meat, 16-oz jar 50¢
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New Sicily Filberts, per lb. 20¢
New Brazilia, lb. 20¢
Italian Chestnuts, per lb. 35¢
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2 lbs. for 70¢
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Christmas Candies

Pascall's Smoking Outfits, each, 25¢ and 50¢
Pascall's Chocolate Turkeys, at each 70¢
Cowan's Chocolate Animals and Fanny Folls, per box 25¢
Pascall's Chocolate Kewpie Dolls, each 75¢
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Women's Silk Umbrellas
Strong frames, novelty handles; in brown, navy and purple. Price, each \$6.95

Women's Chubby Umbrellas
With amber tips and heavy silk covers and novelty handles, in colors of navy, purple and black. Price, each \$8.50 to \$11.50
—Main Floor



Monday Morning
Special
9 to 11:30

75 Underskirts

Values to \$1.00 for 69¢

In splendid quality taffeta or cotton moire, with neat pleated flounces. In shades of purple, paddy green, saxe, brown, rose, navy and contrasting colors. Price, each \$1.65 to \$2.50
—2nd Floor



Monday Morning
Special
9 to 11:30

25 Framed Pictures

Regular \$3.50 for \$1.50

Including a variety of subjects, all neatly framed in plain and polychrome frames. Regular \$3.50. Special Price, each \$1.50
—4th Floor

Smart Pleated Skirts, \$2.95 to \$7.50

In serge, flannel, tweed, crepe and other materials. All sizes and colors for sports wear. Price, each \$2.95 to \$7.50

Wool Sport Dresses, \$12.95 to \$25.00

In crepe, flannel and serge. All styles and colors. Price, each \$12.95 to \$25.00

Missee's Party Frocks, \$13.95 to \$27.50

Suitable for teas, afternoon and evening wear; in georgette crepe, in moire and beaded effects. Assorted colors. Sizes 16 to 20. Price, each \$13.95 to \$27.50

Afternoon Dresses, \$13.95 to \$29.95

In Canton, flat and satin crepe; in all the smartest styles and new colors. Sizes 16 to 42. Price, each \$13.95 to \$29.95

Tailored Utility Coats, \$14.95 to \$29.50

Bellet styles, half lined; in polo, blanket and tweed mixtures. Price, each \$14.95 to \$29.50

Fur-Trimmed Coats, \$14.95 to \$29.95

In tweed and plain colors of navy, grey and sand. Sizes to 42. Price, each \$9.50 to \$10.50

Gabardine Rainproof Coats, \$25.00 to \$35.00

In good quality wool gabardine, trench back, belted styles. Sizes to 44. Price, each \$25.00 to \$35.00
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Rubberized Raincoats, \$9.50 to \$19.50

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Dainty Underwear

In Gift Boxes

Milanesse Silk Underwear
In a large assortment of styles and pretty pastel shades. Price, per pair \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.50

Step-Ins to match, \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.50

Kayer Silk Underwear
Vests—\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.50

Bloomers, \$4.50 and \$5.25

Combinations, special, \$3.95

Fine French Voile Underwear
Envelope Chemises in soft delicate shades. Price, \$3.95, \$4.50 and \$5.95

Voile Step-Ins, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.50 to \$5.95

Crepe de Chine Underwear
Envelope Chemises in a choice assortment of shades. Price, \$5.95, \$6.50 to \$11.50

French Nainsook Underwear
In envelope chemises. White only. \$1.95 and \$5.50
—2nd Floor

Camisoles, Boudoir Caps, Aprons and Underskirts

Wash Satin, Crepe de Chine and Habutai Silk Camisoles, in light shades. Price, \$1.40, \$1.79, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$3.95 and \$4.95

Boudoir Caps in a wide assortment of styles and colors at 98¢, \$1.29, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.95

Novelty Aprons in a great variety of styles—50¢, 60¢, 80¢, 98¢ to \$1.69

Tea Aprons at 65¢, 85¢, 95¢, \$1.25, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.95

Satin, Silk and Jersey Underskirts, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95 to \$14.50

Moire Underskirts, 98¢, \$1.69, \$2.50, \$2.95 to \$5.50

Sateen and Taffeta Underskirts, 98¢, \$1.69, \$2.50 to \$5.50
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Let this list of practical suggestions help to off the things you want to buy. If unable to prompt and careful attention of our personal shipping point

Gift Slippers For Every Member of the Family

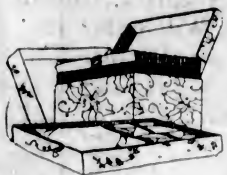
Buy Now Before Assortments and Sizes Are Broken

Misses' and Children's Imported Felt Slippers

Shown in plain felts, Teddy bear pattern and apple pattern velvet. A large range of colors to select from. All sizes. Price, per pair, \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$1.25

m the Store of a Million Gifts

Solve your last minute gift problems. Keep it for reference and check come to the store, phone or mail your order, which will receive the shopping service. Remember, we will deliver free to the nearest anywhere on Vancouver Island.



Stationery In Gift Boxes

Linen Finished Stationery
In box containing 72 sheets notepaper and 72 envelopes. In white only. Price, per box, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

French Organdie Correspondence Cards
In a box containing 24 cards and 24 envelopes, in blue with silver edge, pink with gilt edge and white with gilt edge. Price, per box, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$2.75

Highland Linen Lawn Stationery
In box containing 48 sheets notepaper and 48 envelopes. In white, pink or sky. Price, per box, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$2.75

Highland Linen Stationery in Box
Containing 24 sheets notepaper and 24 envelopes. In white with red, tissue lined envelopes. Price, per box, \$1.50

Eaton, Crane & Pike's Stationery
In box containing 24 sheets notepaper and 24 gilt edged correspondence cards and 48 envelopes. In blue, mauve, white and grey. Priced at per box \$2.25

Others at \$1.95, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$5.00

French Organdie Stationery
In box of 48 sheets notepaper and 48 envelopes, in two sizes. Box also contains one stick of sealing wax and candle with holder; to be obtained in colors of blue, pink or white. Price, per box \$2.95

—Main Floor



Gift Books For Everybody

For Boys and Girls

At 15c
The Man in the Moon
Little Red Cap
Punch and Judy
And many others.

At 25c
Robinson Crusoe
Grimm's Fairy Tales
Gulliver's Travels
Arabian Nights

At 30c
Bed-Time Stories
Three Little Pigs
Fairy Day Stories
Henny Penny
Alice in Wonderland
The Betty Books

At 50c
Complete Mother Goose
Our Own Fairy Story Book
Golden Hour Fairy Stories

At 60c
Henty's Boys' Books
Boy Scouts' Series
Cinderella
Robinson Crusoe
Grimm's Fairy Tales

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS
Little Dot's Annual, Price, 75c
Blackie's Little One's Annual, Price, \$1.00
Tiny Folks' Annual, Price, \$1.25
Blackie's Boy's or Girl's Annual, Price, \$1.50
Empire Annual for Boys or Girls, Price, \$1.50
Casell's Children's Annual, Price, each, \$1.75
Mrs. Strang's Annual for Children, Price, \$1.75
The Boy's Own Annual, Priced at \$3.25
The Girl's Own Annual, Priced at \$3.25
Chums Annual, Price, \$3.25
Scout Annual, Price, \$3.25

Reprint Copyrights

All by the best authors. Price, each, \$50c
Or 3 for \$2.50

—Main Floor

Toiletries, Shaving Sets, Etc.

In Gift Boxes
Tortoiseshell Finish Hair Brushes at \$6.50 and \$7.50
Tortoiseshell Mirrors, extra heavy, at \$6.00
Tortoiseshell Manicure Articles, each, 50c

Military Brushes, in French ivory, ebony and shell. Every pair guaranteed as to quality backs and firm bristles. Priced to give good value at, per pair, \$3.00, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.25, \$7.50 to \$15.00

Perfumes, Coty's, per oz., \$3.50
Houbigant's Perfumes, "Quelques Fleurs et Ideals", \$1.00, \$2.50 to \$7.50
Fiver's Perfume, at \$1.00 and \$2.00
Hudnut's Three Flower and Deauville Perfumes, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50
Many other well known perfumes in lovely boxed fancy bottles, at \$1.50, \$3.00, \$5.50, \$7.00 and \$9.00
Perfume Electric Lamps, \$11.50 and \$12.50
Perfume Atomizers, at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$4.00
Perfume Atomizers of special designs, at \$0.50, \$0.80, \$1.15
Powder Puffs, long handles, very dainty; at \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4.00
Boxed Powder Puffs, superior swansdown; at \$1.95 and \$2.50
Velour and Wool Puffs, special covering, 55c, 75c and \$1.00
Powder Compacts of nearly every variety. Ingenious arrangements for concealing rouge and lipstick, \$1.50 and \$2.00
For Lovely English Gifts let us suggest Yardley and Dabury Toiletries.

Guarantee Preparations in Fancy Soaps, Perfumes and Toiletries at \$1.65, \$3.50, \$6.00
Toilet Soap, in fancy wrapping and boxes, including Yardley's, Dabury's, Fiver's, Hudnut's and Alkimo's Prices, per tablet, 35c, 50c, 55c and \$1.50
Shaving Brushes, guaranteed to last, \$2.50 and \$3.50
Shaving Sets, \$3.50 and \$4.50
Genuine Gillette Razors, \$5.00
Genuine Gillette Blades, 3 large packages for \$2.50
Gent's Ebony Folding Travelling Kits, \$12.50, \$18.00, \$25.00
Folding Hold-Alls, ladies' or gent's; at \$1.50, \$3.50, \$5.00
Our counters are laden with many other articles that make really useful and appreciated gifts.

Silk Dress Lengths and Blouse Lengths

Boxed for Christmas Giving
Black Duchesse Satin
In dress lengths. Price, per dress length, \$6.95
Crepe de Chine
In blouse lengths of 1 1/2 yards. All colors. Price, per blouse length, \$2.95
Silk Marocain
In dress lengths of three yards. All the wanted colorings. Price, per dress length, \$8.95
Striped Spun Silks
In pajama lengths of five yards. Price, per pajama length, \$6.95
Shot Taffetas
In dress lengths of three yards. Price, per dress length, \$7.50
Stanley Crepes
In blouse lengths of 1 1/2 yards. Pure silk in all the wanted colors. Price, per blouse length, \$2.95
Crepe Riviera
In dress lengths of three yards. In all colors. Price, per dress length, \$4.50
Shot Paillette Silks
In dress lengths of three yards. Price, per dress length, \$3.50
Black Chiffon Silk Velvet
In dress lengths of three yards. Price, per dress length, \$13.50

—Main Floor

Small Rugs

Make Useful Gifts

Axminster Door Mats. Price, each, \$1.39
Axminster Rugs, 27 by 54 inches. Price, each, \$3.50
Reversible Wool Rugs. Price, each, \$4.95
Mohair Hearthrugs, in all colors. Price, \$6.25
Chenille Wash Rugs, 27 by 54 inches. Price, \$6.50
Nundali Rugs from India. Price, each, \$13.50
Give Her a Hoover

—2nd Floor

Monday Morning Special 9 to 11:30 200 Assorted Games at 39c Each

A remarkable assortment of all the latest games grouped in one big special. You will have no trouble in choosing boxes of different games from this selection. Wonderful bargains. Morning Special, each, 39c

No Phone Orders, Please.
—Lower Main Floor

Practical Christmas Gifts From the Staple Section

Boxed for Christmas Giving

Embroidered Pillow Cases
Hemstitched and scalloped. Price, per pair, \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Fancy Turkish Towels
Price, each, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Fancy Linens
In dollies, centres, tray cloths and lunch cloths. Moderately priced.

Bath Mats
Price, each, \$1.25, \$2.50 and \$3.95

Pure Wool Blankets
Double size. Price, per pair, \$10.00, \$11.50, \$15.00

Down Comforters
Price, each, up from \$6.98, \$10.00 and \$11.50

Pure Linen Tablecloths
Price, each, up from \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98 and \$5.98

Pure Linen Table Napkins
Price, per dozen, up from \$4.50, \$5.98 and \$6.98

Pure Linen Madeira Napkins
Hand-embroidered. Price, per dozen, up from \$4.75, \$7.95, \$8.50, \$9.75 and \$10.95

—Main Floor

Useful Gifts in the Drapery Section

Table Runners with fringed ends. Price, each, \$1.75

Cretonne Table Covers. Price, each, 75c

Velour Table Runners. Price, each, \$4.25

Cushion Forms. Price, each, 75c

Novelty Cushions in Cretonne. Price, each, \$1.85

Silk Cushions. Price, each, \$5.50

Stripe Silk Cushions. Price, each, \$11.50

Tapestry Table Covers. Price, each, \$3.95

Cretonne Shopping Bags. Price, each, \$1.25

Novelty Frill Curtains, 2 1/2 yards. Price, per pair, \$1.95

Nottingham Net Curtains, double border. Price, \$3.75

Swiss Curtains. Price, pair, \$4.50

Hemstitched Voile Curtains. Price, per pair, \$7.50



Gift Hose

In All Fashionable Colors

Women's Wool Cashmere Hose
Price, per pair, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Ribbed Wool Hose
Price, per pair, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Novelty Silk and Wool Hose
Price, per pair, \$1.79

Novelty All-Wool Hose
Price, per pair, \$2.25

Silk Hose for Women
Price, pair, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, and \$3.00

Children's Silk Socks
Price, pair, 75c and \$1.00

Children's Wool Hose
Price, per pair, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

—Main Floor



Beautiful French Ivory

For Gift Giving

Nail Files. Price, each, 50c and 75c

Cuticle Knives. Price, each, 50c, 75c and \$1.50

Tweezers. Price, each, 75c

Orange Sticks. Price, each, 25c and 35c

Buttonhooks. Price, each, 75c

Nail Scissors. Price, each, \$2.50

Nail Buffers. Price, each, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Glove Stretchers. Price, each, \$1.25 and \$2.50

Shoe Horns. Price, each, \$1.25

Shaving Soap Boxes. Price, each, 50c, 95c and \$1.25

Perfume Bottle Holders. Price, each, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50

Drinking Cups. Price, each, \$1.25

Tooth Brush Holders. Priced at, each, \$1.25

Soap Boxes. Price, each, 75c

Bud Vases. Price, each, \$1.95

Talcum Powder Holders. Price, each, \$1.25

Trinket Boxes. Price, each, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$3.50

Cream Jars. Price, each, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.95 and \$3.00

Hair Receivers. Each, \$2.75, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Powder Boxes. Each, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Photo Frames. Price, each, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$3.00, \$4.75 and \$6.50

Trays. Price, each, \$2.00, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Jewel Boxes. Price, each, \$4.50, \$5.95, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$12.00 and \$12.50

Rondoir Clocks. Priced at, each, \$5.00 and \$12.50

Cloth Brushes. Price, each, \$2.95 and \$3.95

Boudoir Lamps, with attachments. Price, each, \$12.50

French Ivory Hair Brushes. Price, \$4.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50

French Ivory Bonnet Mirrors at \$7.50 and \$9.00

French Ivory Mirrors, extra heavy at \$11.50

Cloth Brushes. \$2.50 and \$3.50

Baby Brushes. \$1.00 and \$1.25

Combs, rake and fine, or with handles. 50c, 75c and \$1.00

French Ivory and Ebony Military Brushes in leather cases. Per pair, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$9.00

French Ivory Sets, consisting of brush, mirror, comb and manicure articles in handsome cases. Price, \$16.50, \$21.00 and \$25.00

—Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Furniture

Mahogany Finish Candlesticks. 6-inch size. Price, per pair, \$5c

Children's Chairs of hardwood; golden finish. Price, each, \$1.10

Reed Smoker Stands, substantially made. Price, each, \$1.25

Mahogany Finish Smoker Stands, with glass trays. Price, \$2.75

Mahogany Finish Boudoir Folding Card Tables, with green felt tops. Price, each, \$3.95

Mahogany Finish Boudoir Lamps, complete with shade and all wiring. Price, each, \$5.25

Floor Lamp Shafts, in mahogany finish. Price, each, \$12.50

Floor Lamp Shafts, in polychrome finish. Price, each, \$10.95

End Tables in genuine walnut. Price, each, \$16.50

Solid Walnut Curate or Cake Stand, folding pattern, with four trays and handle. Each, \$16.95

Fancy Junior Floor Lamps, in plain and polychrome, with best quality fittings, weighted base and long silk cords and tassels. Price, \$17.50

Telephone Desk and Stool, in quarter-cut oak, fumed finish with drawer. Price, each, \$18.75

Cedar Chests of genuine pencil cedar. Price, each, up from \$22.50

Old English Oak Secretary, closed style, with one drawer. Very useful. Price, each, \$23.50

Solid Walnut and Mahogany Pembroke Tea Tables, oval shape when open. Price, each, \$27.50

Walnut Celarette, in two-tone Queen Anne design, with drawer and large cupboard. Priced at, each, \$28.50

Open Evenings Until Xmas

For the convenience of those who cannot shop during the day this store will maintain open until 9:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Closed all day Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26.

Electrical Gifts

Electric Heaters
13-inch glow pattern, with 13-inch adjustable reflector. Price, each, \$7.95

"Magnavox" Electric Heaters
Made in three sizes. Price, each, \$12.00, \$25.00 and \$35.00

Electric Hot-Blast Heaters
Price, each, \$7.95

Electric Grill Stoves
Price, each, \$2.95 and \$3.75

Electric Hot Plates
Twin Hot Plates with control switch for each plate. \$7.95

Electric Curling Irons
Price, each, 98c, \$1.49, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Marcel Wavers
Price, each, \$3.25

Electric Reading Lamps
Adjustable reflector and flexible arm. Price, each, \$5.95

Electric Toasters
Turnover toasters. Price, each, \$4.39, \$4.75 and \$11.50

Electric Irons
Imperial Electric Irons. Price, each, \$5.50

Electric Percolators
In nickel-plated copper and aluminum. Price, each, \$6.95, \$8.95, \$13.95, \$15.95, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$19.00 and \$26.95

Electric Lunch or Breakfast Combination Sets
Price, per set, \$8.95

Electric Waflle Irons
Price, each, \$12.95

—Lower Main Floor

Give Her a Bluebird Electric Clothes Washer and Wringer
A gift that will be remembered every day in the year.
\$10.00 Cash and Easy Payments
—Lower Main Floor

Monday Morning Special 9 to 11:30 Men's Pure Silk Knit Ties

Regular \$3.00 for \$1.95

We have too many of them in stock, hence this wonderful bargain. All the new popular colorings in mixtures and stripes. In special gift boxes. Morning Special, \$1.95

No Phone Orders, Please.
—Main Floor

Stainless Steel Cutlery

Beautifully Finished Stainless Steel Knives.
Round handles. Price, per dozen, dinner size, \$10.75
Square handles, dinner size. Price, per dozen, \$10.25
Round handle, dessert size. Price, per dozen, \$9.00
Square handle, dessert size. Price, per dozen, \$8.50

Stainless Steel Carving Sets
Three-Piece Sets in boxes. Price, per set, \$4.95 and \$5.95

—Main Floor

Xmas Tobaccos

Imperial Mixture Tobacco. \$1.40
Ogden's Fine Cut Tobacco. 15c, 25c and 50c
Old Chum Tobacco. 90c
Cigarette Holders in French ivory, jade finish, amber, ivory and amber and gold mounted. Priced to give good value at \$5c, 50c, 85c, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00

Pipes of Dunhill, Comoy, Hands, Parker and many other values that a pipe smoker will enjoy, at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00

Tobacco Pouches. Rubber, Oil Silk, Leather and Rubber lined, at 75c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Cigars. The best known brands in Christmas wrapping, including Robert Burns, Noblemen, Simons, Revelation, Tuckett's, several kinds, and others in boxes of 10's and 25's, at 50c, 70c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$3.00 and \$3.50

Monday Morning Special 9 to 11:30 French Briar Pipes at 63c Each

Give him a pipe for Christmas. Whatever his favorite shape you'll find it in this special assortment. All real French briar. Morning Special, 63c

No Phone Orders, Please.
—Main Floor

Men's Gift Handkerchiefs

White Silk Initial or Plain Handkerchiefs
Price, each, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs
With fancy embroidered initial. Price, each, \$1.00

Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs
With fancy stripe border. Price, each, 50c

Colored Silk Handkerchiefs
Price, each, \$1.50

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs
Price, each, 35c, 50c, 75c

Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs
Price, each, 2 for 25c, 3 for 50c, Or, each, 25c

Initial Linen and Lawn Handkerchiefs
Price, each, 25c and 50c



Gift Shirts

In Holly Boxes
Fancy Madras Shirts. \$2.50
Fine Woven Color Fancy Madras Shirts. Guaranteed fast colors. Price, each, \$2.50

White Bombay Cord Shirts. \$2.75
Smart and long wearing. Price, each, \$2.75

English Broadcloth Shirts. \$2.95
All shades and sizes. Price, each, \$2.95

Tricolour Shirts. \$5.00
All shades, with separate collar to match. The equal of silk. Price, each, \$5.00



Men's Gift Neckwear

Ties of Art Silk, 75c
All the new color crossbar contrasts. The favorite tie. In gift boxes. Price, each, 75c

Cut Silk Neckwear. \$1.00
The finest value in hundreds of new designs and all the newest shades to choose from. Price, each, \$1.00

Uncreasable Silk and Wool Crepe Ties. \$1.50
The New Uncreasable Silk and Wool Crepe Ties in hosts of new designs. Price, \$1.50

Swiss and French Novelty Silk Ties. \$2.00
All new shades and designs. Price, each, \$2.00

Hand Loomed Silk Ties. \$2.50
The finest hand loomed ties in an exclusive line. Priced at, each, \$2.50

—Main Floor

Gift Suspenders, Armbands, Etc.

Fancy Suspenders in Gift Boxes
Price, per pair, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.55

Garter and Armband Sets
All in gift boxes. Price, per set, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Suspender and Garter Sets
All in gift boxes. Price, per set, \$1.50

Suspender, Garter and Armband Sets
Of finest silk elastic. Price, per set, \$2.25 and \$2.50

—Main Floor

Men's Gift Dressing Gowns

Made in good quality fancy Beacon Robing of a medium weight, a warm garment but not too heavy. Good fitting and well tailored throughout, heavy cord girdle around waist, two pockets and shawl collar. All sizes. Price, each, \$10.95

—Main Floor



Toytown Suggestions

Mechanical Trains. Priced at, each, 99c to \$18.95

Kindergarten Sets. Price, per set, \$3.95 to \$4.50

Doll Buggies. Price, each, up from \$1.50

Steam Engines. Priced up from \$1.00

Magic Lanterns. Price, each, 75c to \$15.00

Rocking Horses. Price, each, \$5.95 to \$13.95

Doll Beds. Price, each, 75c to \$5.00

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Gadorna Emerges From Censure Cloud to Honors

General, Selected, as Target for Blame When Fear Had Routed Army, Bore Burden Without Complaint—Recent Bestowal of Rank of Field Marshal in Regular Forces Is Hailed as Complete Exoneration

By FITZHUGH LEE MINNIGERODE

A FEW weeks ago I attended a dinner given in honor of an old man who seemed as though something within him had torn the armor of his soldier heart, sapped his vitality and made of him almost an object of pity; certainly an object of deep sympathy. How heavy his seventy-four strenuous years seemed to press down upon his still erect shoulders! What "battles, sieges, fortunes" he had passed! How many years of faithful, courageous and distinguished service he had unreservedly given to his country!

Forgotten by most of his countrymen were the eleven mighty battles along the Isonzo; forgotten were his masterly tactics in the face of the great offensive of Grappe and the Piave; forgotten were the tremendous and terrible responsibilities that were his during the two and a half years that he was the supreme commander of the army in Italy. But remembered was the disgraceful fiasco at Caporetto, and so it was that this withered old man—General Luigi Cadorna—seemed to be unloved, if not dishonored, by his country.

A handful of loyal friends were giving a dinner in his honor, but in the eyes of many millions of his countrymen and by the findings of a court of inquiry—approved by his Government—he stood convicted.

The truth of the matter about this Caporetto disaster has been told no time and again by officers and soldiers who were there. The contagion of fear spread through the army like wildfire. It swept every consideration of pride and honor aside like so much chaff. If the world were hurled through space to be crashed into a cluster by the sun within the minute men of all ranks could not have been in more abject terror. This tide of terror swept everything—generals, field officers, company officers, and men—before it like a mighty typhoon.

In every disastrous clash of arms the blame for the disaster must be placed somewhere. There was no evidence that General Cadorna was a victim of this contagion of fear, but he was in supreme command and, therefore, he alone was held responsible. All the generals Rome had sent into the field from the destroyers of Carthage to the present day could not have stemmed the terror-stricken tide that rushed back before the divisions of Austria and Germany.

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After the famous Government proclamation had passed judgment upon General Cadorna in such strong and bitter language and he had passed from command, he did not speak out in anger, he did not seek to build a fortress for himself, he did not turn his back on his country. He remained in his country over a stretch of many years. He had obliterated every tangible evidence of the great office he had held. His dignity and silence made him many friends. In spite of his seeming aversion to reopening the case and fighting for a restoration of his honor, he began to make his appearance in the public press and people began to ask, "What has he done to be so signally ignored?" And the people and the press answered the question: "He commanded the armies of Italy from May 24, 1915, until November 8, 1917. Upon his shoulders rested the fate of a nation of 46,000,000 souls. He fulfilled the trust reposed in him in many a hard-won fight. He fell in on one great battle, but in that battle the army failed him and the nation failed the army."

Last Spring there appeared in The Corriere della Sera, of Milan—perhaps Italy's most influential newspaper—apropos of the fight being waged by the originators of the "work of perfect justice," the following: "Yes, perfect, because if General Cadorna is in his seventy-third year, he and those around him have yet to wait calmly for the restoration of his rights. But even if we had our eyes closed before seeing this day, we shall surely see sooner or later that those in authority will take to themselves the honor of performing symbolically an act without which the great merits of the Italian army and the deeds performed between May 24, 1915, and November 8, 1917, cannot be said to be officially recognized."

General Cadorna's friends continued to increase. Though the voice of the enlisted veteran was never heard, these friends from every walk of life and from every section of his country demanded that, so far as it was possible for the Government to undo the wrong that had been done, it give to General Cadorna the honors that his great service entitled him to, this must be done.

On Armistice Day—which is November 11 in Italy, for on that day all hostilities ceased as between Austria and Italy—Luigi Cadorna was made a field marshal in the regular army of Italy. The appointment has been hailed by the marshal's friends with unbounded delight, for it goes beyond the mere act of overhauling his greatest supporters and most optimistic friends.

That the present Government was moved to recommend this appointment largely as a political expedient to offset ever-increasing desertions from the Fascist party and to swing



GENERAL CADORNA

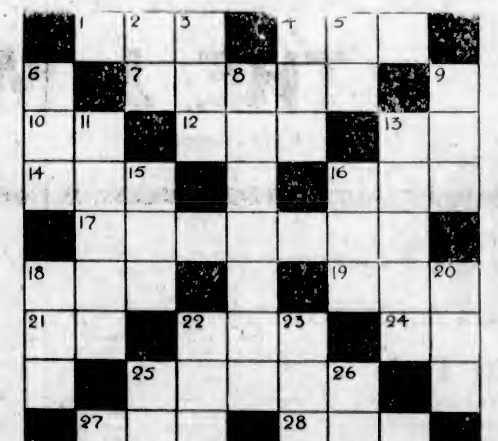
many Cadorna admirers into the Fascist ranks is undoubtedly true, in a measure. Be that as it may, the fact still stands that the appointment is tremendously popular and that all Italy acclaim the new marshal with affection and fervor, not so much for the fact that General Cadorna is raised in rank and returned to the highest position possible in the army, but because it puts the stamp of disapproval upon the findings of the court of inquiry that summarily dismissed him in the terrible days following the disaster of Caporetto.

When General Diaz, as Minister of War, was succeeded by General Di Gioglio, Cadorna's case took on a more hopeful aspect, for it was known that General Di Gioglio had always been a firm supporter of Cadorna, while as much cannot be said for General Diaz, who certainly was, to a considerable extent, unfriendly to Cadorna and to his friends. The veterans who served under Cadorna are particularly happy at the unexpected turn things have taken. These veterans felt, and with much sound reason, that the humiliation heaped upon the head of their commander in chief was in fact a humiliation for them. All were guilty so far as the Caporetto disgrace was concerned, and it was upon these charges that Cadorna was humiliated. Now, that he is exonerated, the millions of men who fought under him can take unto themselves a share in that exoneration, for they felt as though their individual records had been saved during the lifetime of General Cadorna. After five or seven years he comes back into his own with increased honor and in again hailed by his countrymen as a "chief."

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Colonist Crossword Puzzle



Crossword Puzzle No. 27

How to Solve the Puzzle

Each number in the diagram indicates the beginning of a word, reading either vertically or horizontally. The same number in some cases begins both a vertical and a horizontal word. The definitions of the words to fill the diagram are given in the lists labeled HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL, with numbers showing where to start the words in the diagram. A few words may have letters each word has, count the white squares until you come to a black square. If you have put in the correct words, they should all agree, horizontally and vertically, with the definitions, and you have solved the puzzle correctly. The solution of today's puzzle will be shown in an early issue.

Key to Crossword Puzzle No. 27									
1. Preserve.	17. Distressing head trouble.	18. "Crisp officer" (abbr.).	19. "Miles in" (abbr.).	20. "One of the U.S.A." (abbr.).	21. "A" (abbr.).	22. "Change a few" (abbr.).	23. "Gilt" (abbr.).	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).
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3. Place to live.	19. "Miles in" (abbr.).	20. "One of the U.S.A." (abbr.).	21. "A" (abbr.).	22. "Change a few" (abbr.).	23. "Gilt" (abbr.).	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).
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5. Article (Spanish).	21. "A" (abbr.).	22. "Change a few" (abbr.).	23. "Gilt" (abbr.).	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).	
6. "Sweet sticky substance."	22. "Change a few" (abbr.).	23. "Gilt" (abbr.).	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).		
7. "Place of land."	23. "Gilt" (abbr.).	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).			
8. "Place of land."	24. "A minute mark."	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).				
9. Exclamation.	25. "A" (abbr.).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).					
10. "Water" (Turkish).	26. "A" (abbr.).	27. "A" (abbr.).	28. "A" (abbr.).						
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TO GUARD AGAINST LICENCE JUGGLING

GOVERNMENT TO WATCH NEW BEER SYSTEM

Permits Will Be Attached to Particular Premises, and Licences to Individuals, Says Attorney-General

When licences to sell beer are issued, the government will be issued for individual premises, and forfeiture of the licence subsequently will mean that beer cannot again be sold on those premises.

This radical rule was laid down yesterday by Attorney-General Manson, who, while stating that the general scheme and regulations for the sale of beer would be left largely to Commissioner Davidson, declared that this was one of the principles on which he should insist.

Mr. Manson stated that as soon as the decision of the House was made he had instructed Mr. Davidson to take the matter under advisement at once.

Views Unchanged
The form of application for licences will be one of the first things settled, and they will be made available as quickly as possible.

The Attorney-General stated he had not changed his views in any material way since he outlined to the Legislature a year ago his ideas of what the regulations ought to be, but this was subject to the advice he might receive from Mr. Davidson. One important point, Mr. Manson said, he would personally insist upon. That was the attaching of the licence to the premises rather than to the individual. The effect of this, he explained, would be that when a licence was cancelled for violations of the conditions, no new licences could be issued for the premises in question. This would get away from juggling ownerships, he stated, and would require the landlords to act as their own police.

Care With Licences
"No landlord will want his tenant to jeopardize the right of his property to have this licence," he said.

"The licences themselves will be issued slowly and with great care," Mr. Manson continued. "There will be no local boards to supervise the matter, the commissioner having sole authority. He will issue the licence personally and the Provincial police will do the supervising and inspecting."

"There will be no large number of licences and the places for them will be selected so that the licensee shall be of the most responsible type possible," he said.

Whether licences will be absolutely confined to hotels of a certain standard, Mr. Manson was not prepared to say absolutely until Mr. Davidson had made his recommendations. He presumed that the regulations would be ready within a couple of weeks.

CROW'S NEST MINERS WILL RESUME WORK

Four Hundred Men Signed On—New Union Favors Acceptance of Coal Creek Company's Terms

Hon. A. M. Manson, K. C., Minister of Labor, announced yesterday that he had received word from the Crow's Nest Mines Coal Company that it had reopened its Coal Creek mine. More than 400 men signed on yesterday, the message said. One hundred were to be taken on this week and all the remainder of those laid off within six weeks. "It is not anticipated that full time work can be given at once," said Mr. Manson. "But there will be several days' work per week. The company has succeeded in closing a three-year contract which will enable it to operate at the scale now resumed for that length of time. We hope that other contracts will follow so

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The Minister stated that the vote of the new union in favor of accepting the company's terms for resumption of work was 285 to 21.

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Winnipeg Traffic Manager
EDMONTON, Dec. 20.—R. Colwell, superintendent of the Edmonton Street Railway since 1921, has been appointed traffic manager of the Winnipeg Rapid Transit system, and will leave for the Manitoba capital as soon as the city commissioners can relieve him of his duties.

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Soviet Naval Programme

It has been known for some time past that the Soviet Government has been making efforts to reorganize its naval forces. During the last two years manœuvres have been carried out in the Baltic which, though they have proved that the ships and personnel are in a poor and inefficient condition, have none the less done something towards reorganizing the old Russian Navy. The Russian Government has now published what professes to be an approved building programme, which is to be completed in the next seven years. Two cruisers of 3,000 tons, four destroyers of about 1,000 tons, and eight coastal motor boats are to be built at the Pullor works for service in the Baltic; four cruisers, eight destroyers, and eight submarines, of the same type are to be built for the Black Sea; two armed gunboats of 1,000 tons are to be put into service in the White Sea; and four in the Pacific. The cruisers are

to be armed with six 4-inch and four 3.9-inch guns, and the destroyers with four 4-inch guns. It is most doubtful whether the programme will be completed in the time stated; but the decision to undertake it is interesting, and the steps taken for giving effect to it will be well worth watching.

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SCIENTIST WARNS FEW TO SURVIVE NEXT WAR

Battles of Tomorrow, Waged With Terrible Weapons of Science, to Set World Back Five to Ten Thousand Years, Says Mr. H. H. Plaskett—Plague and Famine to Threaten Mankind

PRESENT MUST REVISE MODE OF THOUGHT TO SAVE FUTURE

By H. H. PLASKETT
The following is an abstract of a lecture given recently, at the New Memorial Hall, by Mr. H. H. Plaskett, of the Dominion Observatory here, his subject being "The World Tomorrow: Science and the Future." In this he surveys the possibilities of a world war in 1936, and pictures the awful devastation which such an event would certainly have with the employment of the new destructive forces which science has discovered—and is still discovering.

It is not always obvious, even to the scientist, let alone the man whose interests lie in other fields, what modern scientific theories and experiments portend for the future. Predictions can, however, be made of the practical developments which will result in the next one to two hundred years from present-day work in pure science; it is the purpose of the present article to make such predictions, but with that conservatism shown by Faraday when he foresaw, a century ago, a few of the modern applications of electrical transmission and power. The possible developments of the future are both pleasant and dangerous, and if our descendants are to avoid the latter alternative certain revisions in our modes of thought are necessary. Let us consider these three aspects of the subject in turn.

Pleasant Possibilities
The pleasant possibilities that may safely be predicted for the future are an abundance of cheap food, the elimination of disease, and new resources of power, so that man, may at last have leisure for creative thought in the fields of literature, art and science.

Ultimately we depend for our food upon the plants, which, by the action of chlorophyll in their leaves, build up the simple inorganic substances (carbon dioxide, nitrate and water) into those complex proteins, starches and sugars which we can assimilate and make use of to supply energy and to replace waste tissue. It is the lack of fixed, or water soluble nitrogen compounds, which imposes the chief limitation on the yield per acre of grains and vegetables. Recent studies in heredity, initiated some years ago by Gregor Mendel, have given biologists a considerable power in the development of new organisms, and J. B. S. Haldane has set a period of fifty years within which there will be developed from available micro-organisms a new prolific nitrogen-bacteria. Its widespread use, he anticipates, will increase the yield of the land by as much as fourfold, and it encroachment on the sea will ultimately so multiply the fish that even Great Britain will be self-supporting in the matter of food. It will be probably at a somewhat later stage in the process of building up these compounds is the appearance of formaldehyde, and within the last few years E. C. C. Daily has succeeded in creating a compound in the laboratory by the action of ultra-violet light, but without the use of chlorophyll. It will only be a matter of orderly development, attended of course by difficulties, particularly in the artificial manufacture of the essential vitamins, until food can be created more economically in the laboratory than grown in plants.

Extended Life
In the future man may be expected to live to a vigorous old age, enjoying an almost universal freedom from disease. Already Pasteur's biological investigations have made diseases, such as smallpox and typhoid, increasingly more rare, further experimentation, notes the successful lines already initiated, should eventually result in the complete elimination of bacteriological diseases as a cause of sickness or death. More difficult is the problem presented by cancer, where cells in one or another part of the body indulge in uncontrolled growth. Even here, however, the outlook is not without hope, for animals suffering from this disease have been kept alive over long periods by diverting nutriment from the diseased tissues to other parts of the body. Probably the most hopeful augury for the future well being of man was the discovery by Starling, some fifteen years ago, of the thyroid glands and the hormones or chemical messengers which they pour into the blood. Thus there is the pituitary gland at the base of the brain which regulates growth; differences in the development of this gland, according to a startling theory recently proposed by Sir Archibald Keith, account for the differences between the three so-called primary races of mankind—the black, the yellow and the white. Another important source of hormones is the thyroid gland which regulates the rate of bodily and mental activity; people who are sluggish, or even apparently mentally deficient, have been greatly helped by injections of thyroid extract. It is obvious that, with so recent and important a discovery as this, we are just on the threshold of developments which will revolutionize our ideas on rejuvenation and related problems.

Coal and oil, our major sources of energy, contain latent within them the energy poured out by the sun millions of years ago, and stored up by the action of chlorophyll in the foliage of those early luxuriant forests, limited in extent as they are, those sources of power are rapidly becoming exhausted, and the outlook for the future would indeed be dark if our descendants had to depend on these resources alone. Fortunately, the developments of the atomic theory in the last twenty-five years point to sources of power almost beyond our wildest dreams. While no one has ever seen an atom, much less one of its constituent electrons, yet the theory adequately describes a great range of facts, and allows to physicists a considerable power in the prediction of new results hitherto unsuspected.

One of the new sets of facts predicted by the atomic theory is that the dream of the alchemist, the transmutation of elements, is now a possibility and that such transmutations, when accomplished, either yield up or require huge quantities of energy.

ing adaptations of our environment to ourselves as those just mentioned, cannot fail to be accompanied by many more or less disastrous consequences. Thus the development of a new prolific microbe, bacteria, and the elimination of bacteriological diseases, must necessarily involve a rearrangement, with dangerous consequences which at present are quite incalculable, of that intricate interrelation of organisms, known as the balance of Nature. It is by no means improbable, however, that influenza and the "sleepy sickness" prevalent in England and Japan are the present results of man's blundering interference with this balance of Nature. Again, if food becomes cheap and abundant, so that even Great Britain is self-supporting in this regard, then agricultural countries, such as our own, must pass through a prolonged period of painful readjustment. Another unpleasant possibility is that the new resources provided by science will be concentrated in the hands of a few so that the common lot will be but little improved. Unpleasant though these possibilities are, I do not, however, believe that age-old combative herd instinct of man, which, expressed first in tribal conflicts, then in small wars, and more recently in the great wars, is an ample guarantee of experimental attempts at the solution within our time of the last mentioned problem, the modern, and the future industrial situation.

Herd Instinct
Of quite a different order of difficulty, however, is that age-old combative herd instinct of man, which, expressed first in tribal conflicts, then in small wars, and more recently in the great wars, is an ample guarantee of experimental attempts at the solution within our time of the last mentioned problem, the modern, and the future industrial situation.

War in 1930
Without assuming means of warfare other than those already in existence, let us try to picture a war in 1930. Like its immediate predecessor the future war will be universal, or nearly so, and even more than heretofore will be legitimately directed against the lives and morale of defenceless civilians. Assuming the existence of no new weapons, the actual conflict on the field will resemble that of 1914-18; in attack the troops will probably advance in huge tanks heavily armor-plated, powerfully engine, carrying machine guns, quick-firing, long-range naval guns, and large receptacles of liquefied poison gas. The defences to be overcome will be heavily concreted fortresses, almost impregnable, of the type used with such effect by the Germans in the last war.

New gases (at least five such, more deadly and lingering than mustard gas, are known to have been invented since the war) are to be anticipated, which will penetrate the respirators in use, occasioning heavy casualties; but on the whole surprises such as these will happen with about equal frequency to either side, and there is no reason to anticipate other than a long, apparently interminable conflict, with terrible casualties and large areas of country laid waste.

Secondary Evils
The ever increasing importance of

weapons of warfare (high explosives, guns, poison gases, aeroplanes and so on) makes the destruction of plants where they are manufactured, and the civilians who manufacture them, a legitimate method of warfare. Further, as the civilians are more vulnerable and a weakening of their morale, more than any other factor, tends to bring victory to the opposing forces, we must anticipate an even larger proportion of the fighting to be directed against the non-combatant population. Within a few hours of the declaration of war, the larger centres of population will appear armor-plated aeroplanes, flown entirely by wireless control and carrying high explosive incendiary and lethal gas bombs. The terror produced by such visitations can only be inadequately realized, even by those who have had some experience of bombing, and the losses such that competent conservative military critics, Sir Louis Jackson for instance, admit the destruction of that great part of London, with incalculable casualties.

More characteristic, however, of the future war against civilians will be the biological destruction of crops by the introduction of injurious organisms, which, freed from the natural enemies characteristic of their normal habitat, will multiply with enormous rapidity. An accidental introduction of the Australian scale insect to California a few years ago is an excellent illustration of the destruction caused by and the difficulty of combating this type of warfare. Equally possible to the future biologist, and more terrible to contemplate, will be the introduction of new infectious diseases (immunity for the introducers having been secured by inoculation and vaccination) which will add the finishing touch of horror to the war of 1930.

Who Will Survive?
Who will be able to survive a war of this type, and who amongst the half-crazed survivors will have the time or the energy, let alone the desire, for that creative thought which is the distinguishing mark of our own and earlier civilizations? The war of tomorrow, waged with the terrible weapons forced by science, will at best set the world back some five to ten thousand years, at worst, with its aftermath of plague and famine wipe out mankind.

Science Offers Choice
Science offers a two-fold choice for the future. On the one hand there is offered a future when man with more equal opportunities will be set free for new developments in literature, art and science, or, on the other hand, a future, when man, indulging in an orgy of self-destruction, will eliminate civilization—if not himself. The choice rests with us today, and if we are to win through to that pleasant future which surely all desire, there must be a marked revision in our modes of thought. This revision must be two-fold: first, we must apply the scientific method, widely successful in its own limited field, to our opinions on the immensely complicated, apparently insoluble social, political and economic problems of today; and, secondly, we must make the teaching of Jesus a living thing in our thoughts and actions. Let us consider these revisions in turn.

Our opinions on Socialism, religion, eugenics, party politics, birth-control, and a vast number of other important problems, are too often not the result of a national consideration of the relevant facts, but are inherited from our remote cave dwelling ancestors, or acquired from our parents or the daily newspaper. Opinions such as these, which we have accepted without a critical examination of the facts, are defended, by even the meekest of us, with an almost unbelievable heat and rancour, and by

"rationalizations" or "good reasons" of the type made familiar by Freud. The first revision is to consider these opinions by the scientific method. Given a theory a scientist tests to see whether it furnishes an adequate description of all the facts it is supposed to describe; if the theory does not meet this test it is rejected, and a new theory devised. Applying this method to our opinions on problems of human welfare, we should see whether our particular opinion is in line with all the facts; if it is not we must admit its failure and ever be on the lookout for a more comprehensive view. Thus we must recognize, I think, the inadequacy of the common opinion which acquiesces in the division of the surface of the earth amongst a number of rival powers at a time when, owing to the essential similarity of national customs and laws, owing to the world-wide distribution of raw materials and markets, and owing to increased facilities in transportation and communication, the earth is becoming a single organic unit; the minority opinion which supports the League of Nations is obviously more in accord with modern facts. Testing all our opinions as the scientist tests his theories it will be surprising how many are found to be inadequate almost to the point of absurdity; realization of this inadequacy is the first step towards the discovery of more comprehensive and therefore more nearly correct opinions.

Second Revision
Just as it is not enough that the theories of physics adequately describe a limited range of facts, but must also comply to the restrictions of thermodynamics, so also our opinions and theories of human welfare must comply in accordance with the facts, but they must also subscribe to the teaching of Jesus. In parenthesis it should perhaps be stated that it is the sole business of science to describe facts or sense impressions, and no advance of science, conceivable at least to me, can ever impugn the morality of Jesus' teaching. This is the second great revision necessary in our mode of thought, and the term revision is used advisedly, because to believe difficult things about Jesus' birth and death and make them our religion is easier for us than to make His teaching a living thing in our thoughts and actions. In so far as that teaching has been practised in the past, to it we owe those human impulses, those kindly feelings, that strive us, be it ever so feebly, and the best hope for the world tomorrow is a more vivid realization today of the brotherhood of man, that teaching of which Jesus' life was so beautiful an example. The happiness, the security and the very existence of mankind in the world tomorrow is our grave responsibility. Let us prepare to meet the obligation by that profound revision of our modes of thought which alone can help us to cope with the rapidly changing environment produced by science.

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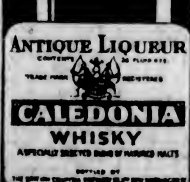
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MANY GIVE TO THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Municipal Chapter, I.O.O.F., Will Pack Gifts Tomorrow for Families of Returned Soldiers

The Christmas hamper shower held last Thursday afternoon by Municipal Chapter, I.O.O.F., for families of returned soldiers met with a ready response from the general public, and a large number of gifts, both in cash and kind, were received at the headquarters of the I.O.O.F., Hamley Building.

Tomorrow the hampers will be packed at the headquarters, and a further appeal is made to members and interested friends to give their

contribution to this annual undertaking, as a very large number of requests has been received this year.

Cold Huts Party

DEEP COVE, Dec. 19.—The Deep Cove Social Club held its weekly card party on Monday night, and owing to the severe cold there were only four tables of progressive 500 players. The winners were Miss May Copthorne and Mr. Bert Copthorne. Miss Violet Simpson and Miss Maggie Thornton served the supper. On Tuesday, under the auspices of the club, the annual Christmas tree for the Deep Cove school children and children of club members, will be held in the club hall. A committee composed of Miss E. Moore, Mrs. Quintermain, Miss M. North and Miss Violet Simpson, will attend to the arrangements. Tea will be served and in the evening the children will give a concert.



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It is usually mother who has to do all the rough work around the house at Christmas time cooking meals, washing dishes, seeing that everybody has a good time. Of course mother enjoys Christmas just as much as any other member of the family, even though it does mean a lot of extra work for her, but you may be sure that by the time Christmas day is over, the last of the guests departed and the family safely in bed, mother is pretty well tired out and cannot help feeling the least bit thankful Christmas only comes once a year, as she sits up the stack of dishes to be washed and mused and litter to be cleaned up.

Let's give a special thought to all mothers this Christmas season, not only our own particular mother, but someone else's mother, for there is a widow with a family of small children who is having a pretty tough time of it keeping the wolf from the door.

You can do this by telephoning 655, the headquarters of the Victoria Rotary Club's relief campaign, and telling them you would like to send out to your house on such-and-such a date to help out with the rough work in your home around Christmas time that usually falls on mother's shoulders.

The Victoria Rotary Club, working in conjunction with the Provincial Relief Bureau, a part of the relief campaign this year, will see that some reliable and deserving woman is sent out to your home to do the dishwashing, scrubbing, cleaning up, cooking, and all the other what-ever it may be you require.

Won't you put this thought into operation right away by telephoning 655 and thus spread the message of peace and goodwill in a really thoughtful and practical manner?

WAR'S INNER HISTORY REVEALED IN DIARY OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR

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If there was war we may eventually be involved in it, and then perhaps too late to prevent the crushing of France. The question of Serbia is not one in which we ought to fight, and it would be difficult to persuade the British people to take sides. It is a pity that the quarrel is not one to interest us at the beginning if there is to be a European conflict, for our aid then would be of the greatest value, but later on it will earn no gratitude and might be of little use to France.

Urged Early Declaration
July 30, 1914.—Things are hanging in the balance of peace and war. We are regarded as the deciding factor. The Italians suggested that they, and we, should both stand aside. A poor bargain for the French!

I have written to Grey that the feeling here is that peace between the Powers depends on England; that if she declares herself "solidaire" with France and Russia there will be no war, for Germany will not face the danger to her supplies by sea being cut off by the British fleet.

People, however, do not realize, or do not take into account, the difficulty for the British Government to declare "England, 'solidaire' with Russia and France in a question such as the Austro-Serbian quarrel. The French should put pressure on the Russian Government to moderate their zeal. If we gave an assurance of armed assistance to France and Russia now, Russia would become more exacting and France would have to follow in her wake. The newspapers, but not yet the people, are becoming bellicose.

Told About Ultimatum

July 31, 1914.—When the French Minister of Foreign Affairs sent me this evening I imagined that it was for the purpose of giving me the answer of the French Government to the proposal which I communicated to him this morning in regard to the formula of arrangement between Austria and Russia.

When I arrived at the ministry the German Ambassador arrived with M. Viviani, and I went in just after the departure of the Ambassador. Naturally, from the character of the communication which M. Viviani had just received, he was in a highly nervous state and forgot all about the object for which he had sent for me.

M. de Schoen (the German Ambassador to France) could not say when the ultimatum to Russia expired. Evidently the German want to hurry matters before the Russians can be ready. M. de Schoen had sent a message of good-bye to the President of the Republic.

I saw Poincaré (who was at that time the French Premier) yesterday. He wants Aquith (the British Premier) to make an announcement of standing by him in the event that this will prevent a general war.

War Against Russia

August 1, 1914.—The populace—for French people is very calm. They have taken the announcement of the Russian ultimatum to Austria as a very good thing, and the Russians are behaving well in face of the national danger.

Aquith's Government is a house divided against itself, and the change in its attitude day by day. Here today it is "Vive l'Angleterre," tomorrow it may be "Perfidie Albion." Rouvier announced tonight that Germany has declared war against Russia.

August 2, 1914.—It will not be long now before it is "Perfidie Albion!" The Germans have behaved infamously; they have violated the territory of Luxembourg, which is under a European guarantee of neutrality; they are next entering Belgium, which might excite British public opinion. The German Ambassador is still here; possibly the German Government would like the French Government to send him his passport, so that they might say that he was turned out. The big game of the Embassy are closed, and have been for some days as at any time the demonstrations of friendship might change into those of opprobrium.

Secrecy About B. E. F.

August 2, 1914.—I have been feeling so sick at heart, and ashamed, that "Perfidie Albion" should really be applicable to us. I thought the hope is that the French will win without us, but if they do, and that is doubtful, we should not receive much consideration in the treaty of peace at the end of the war; and if the Germans are the conquerors what will be our fate?

August 10, 1914.—It is very hot, and I keep thinking of and pitying those

poor soldiers who are fighting and suffering—and all through Hohenzollern ambition and the fear of the Hapsburgs (shaded) Slav subjects would fall away from them. I hope to live to see the Hohenzollerns swept away. If the Germans have serious reverses, the Allies will really quite victorious, the Germans will turn upon the war and rend him and the Prussian military party. Everything concerning the British Expedition is kept very secret, and rightly so; we hear and know nothing except what travelers recount. The moral effect of our aid is wonderful. I have not seen the President since our declaration of war. The town is wonderfully quiet and orderly; no auto buses and therefore no "repetitions."

Sir John French Arrived
August 15, 1914.—French (the British Commander-in-Chief) arrived at the Gare du Nord by train from Amiens at 12.38 p.m. Two minutes before he alighted time for him at the station. The Minister of the Interior, the Prefect of Police, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, received him on behalf of the French Government. There was a guard of honor, both outside and inside the station. Notwithstanding rain there was a good many people all along the Rue Lafayette and the boulevard, and he had a great reception.

It has been arranged that French and his staff shall leave Paris tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, in automobiles, for the headquarters of General Joffre, and after a conference with him French will go on to his own headquarters. I suggested that he should be made acquainted at the War Office here with the general situation, so that he might be able to discuss it with General Joffre with knowledge of it as known in Paris.

Hard Fighting Going On
French told me that the sailors on watch in the Channel look strained. No wonder. What tension to the nerves to be always on the look-out! How many loved ones going will never return, and thus spread the message of peace and goodwill in a really thoughtful and practical manner?

August 26, 1914.—There is hard fighting going on today. As I write I am a victim of a furtherer sea treat, alas! If we had another 100,000 men we might land them at Ostend. August 27, 1914.—There must have been "fourparis" for some days for the change or recasting of the Ministry, for on public paper it took only an hour!

Delcasse is back at the helm of my ship, he is very anxious of ultimate success. I am not so, in regard to keeping off the Germans from being too near to the capital. I hear on pretty good authority that the question of moving the seat of Government to Bordeaux has been discussed, in the case the Germans broke through the Franco-British lines in the north-east of France.

Friction Between Commands
August 30, 1914.—Fighting is going on at Compiègne, and the Germans are in such overwhelming numbers that they may be before Paris in a few days. I believe that the gold reserve of 116,000,000 has been removed from the Bank of France to Bordeaux and Marseille.

I am burning confidential papers, and preparing to leave at short notice for whatever town the Government may move to when the Germans seem sure to succeed in occupying Paris; they are quite capable of looting everything here, in which case I shall lose all I possess.

September 1, 1914.—The French keep retreating, which leaves our flanks exposed. French is here for a few hours to meet Kitchener, who arrived from London this morning. The two states are not working harmoniously. Among Lord Bertie's papers the following memorandum appears, putting on record what occurred after this meeting at the Embassy between Lord Kitchener and Sir John French.

Remonstrated With Kitchener
"On the morning of Tuesday, September 1, I received an urgent telegram from the Foreign Office dated August 31, advising that Lord Kitchener has left London tonight; he will go from Harve, to Paris, arriving about midday; he has instructed Sir John French to inform him through you where they can meet; please arrange to convey Lord Kitchener to Sir John French."

Sir John French telling me, after the military conference at the Embassy, of Kitchener's intention to inspect the British troops I had an interview with him and remonstrated; as he did not seem to be convinced by my argument, I said that I would telegraph my views to His Majesty's Government.

The telegram as drafted by me was worded as follows and was addressed to Grey: "Lord Kitchener arrived, and has had a consultation with Sir John French. He tells me that it was proposed by His Majesty's Government that he should visit the British troops. I have told him that it is such a visit would have a most unfortunate effect on the French military and French public opinion; it would create the impression that Sir John French had not given satisfaction to His Majesty's Government and to the British troops were to blame for the recent reverses to the French army. Lord Kitchener inquires what are the wishes of His Majesty's Government in the circumstances. He will wait for your reply."

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draft and then took it to Kitchener, who requested me to strike out the last words, viz., "He will wait at Paris for your reply," and to substitute for them the following words: "Please reply as soon as possible."

"I did as requested by him, and the telegram as amended was sent off at 12.15 p.m. Sir John French left Paris after dining at the Ritz. I think."

"At 7.30 p.m. I telegraphed to Grey's private secretary as follows: 'Following Mr. Winston Churchill's Lord Kitchener will leave Paris for Harve tomorrow 6 o'clock unless he hears to the contrary.'"

The next morning, September 2, between 6 and 7 o'clock, I received a telegram from Grey, dispatched from London at 10.16 on September 1, which stated in reply to my telegrams that 'We approved of Lord Kitchener's return as proposed.'

"I think that Kitchener after my interview with him, and a conversation with French, was inclined to change his mind, for he himself sent the telegram with his 'change of plans.'"

"So far as I was concerned he bore me no malice for having spoken my mind to him, for our personal relations were not affected by my intervention. I saw him on several occasions after then, at Paris. On his way from England to Gallipoli he was my guest at the Embassy as he passed through Paris."

Left for Bordeaux
September 2, 1914.—We are very busy packing up. We are off to Bordeaux tonight, and this may be the last time that I shall ever write from this house, for I am likely to be long. The French have not given to us all the support that we might have expected, and we have had to bear the brunt of the fighting and are always having to retreat.

Bordeaux, September 3, 1914.—We arrived between 1 and 2 p.m. today; the communication of the intention to depart was only made at 1 p.m. yesterday and the departure was for 10.10 p.m., only ten hours' notice. We had, however, made preparations for it, for we should never have been ready. Endless cases containing archives, etc., filled a big and small furniture van. Such a conglomerational!

September 5, 1914.—Delcasse came to see me this evening; he described the military situation north and east of Paris, which I could not and did not pretend to understand. The object of his visit was to ask me to telegraph to French, which even if I had had the cypher, I could not have done. The message which he wrote down was as follows:

Wanted Help on Marne
"Le General Joffre se dit décidé à engager toutes ses troupes à fond et sans réserve pour conquérir la victoire parce que la situation stratégique est excellente, et que nous ne pouvons compter sur des conditions meilleures pour notre offensive."

"General Joffre juge essentiel que le Maréchal French lui assure qu'il pouvait compter sur une coopération énergique, et son attention attirée sur l'importance décisive d'une offensive sans arrière-pensée."

"General Joffre has intimated that he has decided to engage all his troops—to the utmost man and without any reservations—in order to achieve victory, because the strategic situation is excellent and because we cannot count upon better conditions for our offensive."

"General Joffre regards it as essential that Marshal French who has assured him that he could count upon vigorous co-operation, should have his attention drawn to the decisive importance of a whole-hearted offensive, without any backward-looking thoughts."

British Troops Exhausted
I told Delcasse that I did not know what the present condition of the British forces might be. I knew, however, on Monday last, August 31, it was in no state to attack, for it was much exhausted and had suffered great losses in men and guns during the severe fighting. Whether Sir John French had received reinforcements in men, guns and material I did not know.

Delcasse also told me that there had been a meeting between General Gallieni, the Military Governor of Paris, and Sir John French's Chief of Staff, and that Sir John French had been assured of the support of the army of Paris.

I asked him whether that army was not composed of territorials. He said, "Only a small proportion of the force."

September 8, 1914.—We have succeeded in pushing back the Germans somewhat, but not much. Their accounts of battle progress differ more than considerably from the French and Russian versions.

Many people here will have it that 40,000 Russians have landed in England, en route for France; they do not say how they got to England; a regent of the Bank of France was quoted to me as a good authority; my answer was that there are foolish regents, for ever since the outbreak of war, they have not been, transports could not have run the seas without the German fleet in the Baltic.

Germans Forced Back
September 10, 1914.—Matters military look better; we have driven back the Germans some forty kilometers. It is heartening to read of the conduct of the German hordes.

I saw Dechaen yesterday; he admitted that the expedition into Alsace and Lorraine was theatrical and, as it turned out, a great error; it would have been more to the purpose to have directed in good time some troops toward Liège to cover our left, instead of sending thither territorials who did not stand their ground.

People here in Bordeaux talk a good deal about the war, but the town is not like a centre of military manoeuvres in time of peace than a town of a country at war, and such a war; there are no refugees flying from the invaders and very few wounded.

September 13, 1914.—At last there is really good news. The Germans are on the run, and they are, it is reported, very tired and demoralized. Officers and men in the Champagne country are stated to be drinking unto drunkenness.

September 14, 1914.—French's retreat and his dispatch (which has only just reached me) were wonderful, and our troops fought quietly and magnificently. It was a grave error to do the theatrical and political coup in Alsace and Lorraine.

Rape Winston Churchill
September 20, 1914.—The conduct of the Government in the matter of the Hapsburgs (shaded) Slav subjects, sooner than lose the support of Russia they have done what the conscience of some of them at all events must resent.

Winston Churchill's issues of war news to the press are vulgar in tone; they are some editing before being communicated to the French news-



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Enid Caldwell and the boys' chorus. The accompaniments were played by Mr. I. Farfett, who also played for the dance, with Mr. Elliot at the drum. After the school programme concluded, Santa Claus gave many delightful presents to the children from the large Christmas tree. Miss Burns and Mr. Parfett will resume teaching at the Ganges school on January 5.

The little play was very good. Dorothy Elliott playing the leading part exceedingly well. Among other good items were the recitation by

paperal Such expressions as "The Germans should try another lie" are schoolboyish; it is much preferable to refuse false statements without unnecessary epithets in the contradictions, and give plain facts in dignified language.

Caillaux Busy Intriguing
September 22, 1914.—Caillaux, who is paymaster-general of the army, has put in an unbecoming appearance here.

He thought himself omnipotent and indispensable. When, at the end of August, there was a recasting of the Ministry, he thought that he would be in it; he unwillingly consented, as the chief of the party of the Rue de Valois, to Briand and Millerand and Ribot becoming Ministers; but Barthou, as the darling witness against him at the murder trial, he would not stand, and Barthou, who expected office, was set aside and has retired to his "department" to look after the wounded Caillaux, who ought to be performing his duties.

At Rouen, came here to intrigue; he went to the Ministry of the Interior; the Minister, Malvy, one of his Rue de Valois adherents, was out; Caillaux installed himself; sent for and gave orders to the chef de cabinet, telephoned to his wife, and acted as though he were Minister. Malvy found all this "de fort mauvais goût." (In extremely bad taste.)

The War Minister, Millerand, had to intimate to Caillaux that, being a soldier now, he must return to his military duties and to them he had to go.

(To Be Continued.)
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Ganges School Pupils Present Entertainment

GANGES HARBOR, Dec. 20.—On Thursday evening there was a large attendance at the Mahon Hall, Ganges, when the Ganges Harbor School held its annual concert, Christmas tree and dance. The chairman for the evening was Mr. E. Walter. The programme, excellently carried out by numerous school children, was as follows:

Carol, "The First Nowell"; recitation, Enid Carter; boys' chorus, "We're All Right There"; play, "Examination Day at Woodside School"; chorus, "At the Blessed Christmas Time"; girls' chorus, "The Cherry Song"; recitation, Enid Caldwell; action song, "Heads and Heels Drill"; the Holly Girls; chorus, "Merry Christmas to All."

The little play was very good. Dorothy Elliott playing the leading part exceedingly well. Among other good items were the recitation by

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Seattle Coming Back Into the Hockey Fold

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Seattle will be back on the hockey map next season following the layoff during the present year.

This fact has been definitely determined, following the phenomenal success the Winter sport has experienced in the North during the opening weeks of the season. Seattle capital is interested in forming a corporation to build an arena here, and it is expected that a large auditorium for skating and hockey will be ready for next fall's play.

PARTINGTON LEADS IN CHESS TOURNEY

Former Winner Making Great Bid for Victoria City Championship, Winning Three Games

Cold, absence, and perhaps the Christmas spirit have caused the postponement of several of the scheduled games in the chess tournament now in progress at the room of the Victoria Chess Club for the championship of the city. Last week Barker, the present holder of the Gonason Cup, had gone into the lead with half a point to spare, but the outstanding figure of this week's play has been Partington, who held the cup during 1923. He is now making a determined fight for possession of the trophy for the ensuing year. By winning against Patrick he has brought his score up to three straight victories.

Partington's success has been the more remarkable in that his opponents have been three of the local chess stalwarts, and that, through the luck of the draw, he has, in every instance had to play black. Against Braut, who played a queen's pawn opening, he won in a hard-fought but not very prolonged game. Playing his favorite defence, the French, against Gonason, usually a cautious and steady player, he forced a win in twenty-five moves. His game with Patrick, who opened with a queen's gambit, ran somewhat longer, but ended with white resigning on his thirty-eighth move.

The present standing of the players follows: Partington, 3; Barker, 1½; Bredin, ½; Gonason, ½; Patrick, ½; Rev. Price, 1; Sanders, 1; Eraut, 0; Enke, 0.

TIJUANA RACING

First race, five-eighths of a mile—1. Wild Thought, 110, \$12. \$4.60; 2. Scamp, 102, \$5.50; 3. Lady Tiptoe, 102, \$4.40.

Second race, five-eighths of a mile—1. Brazeo, 110, Griffin, \$5.40, \$2.20; 2. Little Luck, 106, Edwards, \$4.50, \$2.50; 3. Lucky Hays, 103, Fisher, \$3.40.

Third race, one mile—1. Rebecca G., 92, Hoagland, \$3.20, \$3.40; 2. Alamo, 102, Moller, \$5.60, \$4; 3. Whipaw, 108, Moe, 6.

Fourth race, one mile—1. Jay Mac, 103, Moller, \$2.40, \$1.25; 2. Zing, 110, Griffin, \$3.20, \$1.3; 3. Billy Gibson, 103, Edwards, \$4.60.

Fifth race, one mile—1. Margie K., 108, Gormley, \$12.40, \$5.80; 2. Minstrel Boy, 104, Taplin, \$4.60, \$2.40; 3. Bright, 102, Mann, \$1.10; 4. Juniathe won this race, but was disqualified owing to a foul.

Sixth race, ½ furlong—1. Nellie A., 102, Hoagland, \$11.80, \$1.3; 2. Lady Gorham, 108, Fisher, \$4, \$2.40; 3. Easter Hells, 116, Frisco, \$2.60.

Seventh race, one mile and 70 yards—1. The Falconer, 113, Edwards, \$4.80, \$5; 2. Little Chair, 104, Moller, \$3.20, \$1.60.

WHERE THEY'RE AT

W.C.H.I. Standing

Team	W	L	D	P	A	P
Seattle	4	4	0	18	4	8
Edmonton	3	3	0	13	4	4
Calgary	3	2	0	10	16	4
Vancouver	2	2	0	24	21	4
Regina	1	2	0	7	10	0

Games This Week

Tomorrow—Victoria at Vancouver; Calgary at Saskatoon; Edmonton at Regina.

Thursday (Christmas Day)—Vancouver at Victoria; Regina at Calgary; Edmonton at Saskatoon.

Saturday—Regina at Victoria; Saskatoon at Edmonton.

93, Bourassa, \$11.60, \$5.60; 2. Sasper, 110, McHugh, \$3.60.

Eighth race, three-quarters of a mile—1. Slater Josella, 115, Bergold, \$12.20, \$4.80, \$2.10; 2. Nan McKinney, 101, Fisher, \$3.40, \$2.80; 3. Mary Contrary, 110, Young, \$5.80.

Overnight Entries

First race, three-quarters of a mile—Superladdy, 95; Miss Shasta, 95; Delhi Girl, 95; Heth Page, 96; Miss Edna, 101; Challenger, 101; Proclamation, 106; Col. Matt, 106; H. C. Basch, 106; Wo. Montgomery, 109; Malavenn, 109; Short Change, 109; Arctic King, 109; Star of Eve, 109; Chick Barclay, 109; Grayson, 109; Emma Williams, 109; Capt. Tom, 114.

Second race, one mile and one-quarter—Tosidra, 93; Ten Can, 101; Louis, 101; Martha L., 102; Romulus, 106; Full o' Fun, 106.

Third race, one mile and 70 yards—Ebb Tide, 110; Irish Buzzer, 104; Black Wand, 104; Sasper, 106; Hyannom, 106; Wood Lady, 106; My Daddy, 108.

Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile—(a) Contusion, 90; (b) Batsman, 94; (c) Combustor, 102; (d) Spic and Span, 107; Deputy, 108; Runcilar, 109; Freebooter, 114; (e) Time Exposure, 116; (f) Sunspiro, 116; (g) Sprackles, 116; (h) Pueblo entry; (i) McGill entry.

Fifth race, one mile and 70 yards—Tracer, 90; Paula Shay, 97; Bon Homme, 107; Firm Friend, 107; All Over, 108; Cherry Tree, 115.

Sixth race, three-quarters of a mile—Sweetgrass, 101; Moonchild, 106; Bryn Dear, 106; Piller Belle, 106; Helen Van, 108; Koman, 108; That's the Time, 110; Subtle, 110; Seth's Bacon, 110; Lena Wood, 110; Eight Sixty, 115.

Seventh race, one mile—Tis Seth, 95; Piedra, 97; Jolly Cephas, 98; The Lamb, 100; Wynnewood, 100; Bryan Kent, 102; Apricot, 102; Nonnigle, 104; Hildred, 104; Mann, 11; 108; Hais, 110; Zealot, 110; Keala, 111; Wedding Prince, 113; Ruddy, 113.

Eighth race, one mile and one-half—Eyebright, 90; Willow Tree, 93; Canute, 102; Malvern, 102; Deliah M., 104; Glamore, 107; Frank Pottery, 113.

Track—Clear and slow.

Football Champions of the Last Generation



The above pictured association football team, which represented Victoria in the season of 1899-1900, made an enviable record for themselves in the Provincial series, which they won with flying colors. Playing several teams, including the peak of Vancouver, New West were considered one of the strongest aggregations in the Dominion of Canada, according to the files of The Colonist during that time. For several years this team, with the exception of one or two changes in the personnel, stayed together and were successful in capturing the coveted trophy on every occasion. Although it is a matter of twenty-six years ago, readers will, no doubt, recognize several well-known business and professional men of this city today. Reading from left to right, top row—The late Herbert Kent, Alex. Johnson, Benar Schwenger, A. (Ruby) Rutherford, Frank Jones and Mr. Justice McPhillips. Middle row—Jack R. Noot, Jimmy Hunter, Walter Lormer (captain), Lou V. York and H. A. (Giddy) Goward. Sitting—Herb. Shandley and Bob Livingston.

TY COBB Remaker of Baseball

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CHAPTER XXXIV

Ty's Best His Brainiest Play—A Battle of Wits—Chase His Victim

By H. G. BALDWIN

Tommy Connolly, one of the very best umpires the major leagues ever had and who watched Ty Cobb from the day he broke into the American League, says Cobb made the brainiest play he ever saw executed on a ball field. It happened during a Detroit-New York game. Cobb always played sensational ball when opposing New York; he seemed to outdo himself in those games.

In this particular contest Cobb was on first with Crawford at bat. As Crawford swung on the ball Cobb broke for second base. Crawford hit to the shortstop. Knowing it useless to try for Cobb, the shortstop threw the ball to Chase at first, and retired Crawford. As Chase touched the bag and put out Crawford, Cobb rounded second and went about thirty feet in the direction of third. Then he came to a dead stop, watching Chase intently. At first stood Chase, intently watching Cobb. There they were, the brainiest pair in the game at that time—engaged in a battle of wits that was lost on the spectators.

Chase could not make up his mind whether to throw the ball to the pitcher, to the second baseman or to third. Neither made a move for more than a second, but it seemed much longer to the veteran Connolly.

Chase's Mistake Suddenly Cobb lunged toward second and to right himself, set. In that direction. But as Chase pulled back his arm for the quick throw, Cobb reversed and dashed for third. He threw himself down, and the ball left his hand. Chase saw his mistake, for Cobb had made a false move simply to draw the throw. But it was too late then for Chase to reverse, he had to go through with the throw to second.

The second baseman took Chase's throw and relayed the ball to third. He threw hurriedly but low, keeping the ball down, for he "knew" Cobb would slide and the low throw gave the third baseman a better opportunity to make a play on Cobb, for he was in a position to tag him when he took the throw. But the second baseman guessed wrong, and so did the third baseman who made a stab to touch the sliding Cobb. The runner was not sliding. He had touched the bag while taking a sharp turn and was on his way home. The third baseman had to right himself, set. In that direction. But as Chase pulled back his arm for the quick throw, Cobb reversed and dashed for third. He threw himself down, and the ball left his hand. Chase saw his mistake, for Cobb had made a false move simply to draw the throw. But it was too late then for Chase to reverse, he had to go through with the throw to second.

Why He Was Lucky Cobb figured out early in his career that while the danger of his being put out would increase in proportion with the chances he took, the danger of the pitcher making an error also increased. He expected him to make the faster they would have to handle the ball to retire him. All too frequently this fast handling of the ball resulted in a fumble or a wild throw that gave him the opportunity to score. Sometimes he was thrown out, but the percentage was much in his favor. He was lucky, yes, but he was lucky because he created his own luck.

Jack Egan, who umpired in the American League for awhile, related this incident. It occurred in a game where he was working.

Jack Knight was playing third for New York. Cobb was on first and started to steal. But on the pitched ball on which he went down, Crawford singled to let Cobb be almost on second when Crawford hit. Cobb soared around like a seagull and headed for third. The New York infield yelled to Knight to get Cobb, for he could not have been that. Someone was ready to swing down on him. But Cobb did not slide. Knight discovered that when he swung down, and before Knight could throw home Cobb had slid across the plate.

Cobb made a specialty of scoring from first on chances that the average player would never consider advancing more than one base. He scored from first on bunts, singles to short outfield territory, fly balls. He did not get around the bases from first to the plate before the ball was returned to the pitcher. It was not clean going, but it could not have been that. Someone had to make a mental or physical error to get Cobb around, but that was part of Cobb's play. He always was to make the opposing team commit errors, mechanical or mental. He led them, one way or another, into blundering. That is where his advantage was centered in his own mechanical ability and in the shortcomings of others.

While Cobb climbed, others averted, but it was not a single individual that was the victim. Cobb was, for in the words of Clark Griffith, "made monkeys out of the whole league."

Tuesday—Chapter XXXV—His Target.

Electric arc welding is now used in making steel tanks. This makes possible an automatic process which takes only a tenth of the time formerly required to make such tanks.

Sportive Punches

By the "Old 'Un"

Scene—The Colonist Office Sports Department.
Time—Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock.
Most unusual state of things prevailing for a Saturday afternoon in the Winter.

Usually all hands and the cook (including the Old 'Un) would be just getting ready to sauté forth and cover football matches, Rugby and Soccer.

And here we are with all the grounds frozen hard as iron and nothing doing except an occasional ring on the telephone asking the announcement that this, that and the other fixture is off or that this or that golf course is closed.

And here on the Old 'Un's desk is a note from the Sporting Editor and it reads thusly: "Nothing on today." No rugby, no soccer, no nothing. Dis us up some early copy if you can, old man. I've got a date with Santa Claus.

Can you beat it? Think he's got a date all right. Notice the old skates he had hanging up on the nail by his desk have disappeared, but don't believe for a minute that it's Santa Claus he's got the date with at the Arena Rink, or possibly at Marigold, where they tell us there's about three miles of natural ice.

Well, well, seeing he's reminded us that the spirit of Christmas is in the air by his flippant reference to Santa Claus, suppose we'll have to be peaceful and show our goodwill by filling up a little space for him, while he keeps that date.

Easier said than done though to was wise and eloquent about sporting events when there aren't any sporting events taking place and all the rest of them are out skating with their best—Santa Claus.

And if you look through the exchanges about all you see is a learned disquisition on beer or barbers and a lot of "ada" for Christmas presents. What to give him, what to give her, and what to give it—

And the Old 'Un will bet two-bits that, when the Sporting Editor comes back from that date with Santa Claus, he won't have anything for the Old 'Un, so it won't be any good hanging out an old golf stocking behind the desk on Christmas Eve.

So why should an Old 'Un rack his brains trying, figuratively speaking, to make bricks without straw for the sake of a selfish Sporting Editor?

Still, what kind of a world would it be if we weren't a bit self-sacrificing, especially at this time, when, as we glance at our esteemed contemporary, we are reminded that there are only three more shopping days to Christmas.

Only three more days. There's plenty of time yet to do it, but don't put it off until the last minute, or forget it altogether.

It is rather difficult sometimes, isn't it, to find suitable Christmas presents for people who have just about all they want already, but there's no need to puzzle over what to give those who have nothing at all to make Christmas Christmas, and not even to "man" a lot of "ada."

And that's the meaning of the IT in the last paragraph but one. Don't let's hide our heads ostrich-fashion among the numerous gifts and luxuries for the wealthy and the comfortably-off, and pretend we cannot see any hungry and scantily clothed.

The Sporting Editor is not the only one among us with empty space to fill this frosty weather, so let's all remember THAT, like good sportsmen, when keeping OUR dates with Santa Claus.

(Note to Sport Ed.—Best we could do, old man, under the circumstances. If you think we've handed you a lemon, well, lemmons have their uses. They are often used in making Christmas punch, if not "Sportive Punches.")

MAROONS TAKE SHORT END OF 5-4

TERMINAL PLAYERS PUT UP PLUCKY FIGHT

Make Desperate Attempt to Recover Prestige in Game Lightning-Fast All Through

CALGARY, Dec. 20.—Vancouver Maroons made a desperate attempt to recover lost prestige when they were forced to take the short end of a 5-4 score against the Tigers at the arena tonight in a game that was lightning fast from start to finish.

Four goals down and apparently hopelessly beaten in the first six minutes of the final period, the Maroons staged a wonderful comeback, and when the bell sounded for full time they were battling valiantly for the goal that would have forced the issue into overtime.

The train-ridden Maroons, without the services of their boss, Frank Patrick, who was unable to get into the game owing to an injured leg put up a plucky fight, and if they had resorted to more open play instead of keeping three men back on the defence most of the time, they might have fared better.

Helmy Bostrum came into prominence in the last ten minutes when he scored three goals, one on a penalty shot which Referee Cook allowed when Dutton was penalized for holding Frank Boucher in the Calgary goal mouth. Bostrum, MacKay and Arbour were the pick of the visitors, with Frank Boucher being in the limelight with his hook-check, breaking up the Tiger attack. Oliver, Dutton and Wilson excelled for the locals.

Frank Patrick announces that he has completed negotiations with Art Ross, of the Boston Bruins, for the return of Lloyd Cook and "Smookey" Harris. Regina and Calgary were after Cook, but Patrick best them to it.

Summary

First period—1, Vancouver, MacKay, 17:30.

Second period—2, Calgary, Oliver from Wilson, 5:35; 3, Calgary, Gardiner from Wilson, 8:30; 4, Calgary, Oliver from Anderson, 12:00.

Third period—3, Calgary, Oliver, 1 minute; 6, Calgary, Crawford from Wilson, 5:30; 7, Vancouver, Bostrum, 4:15; 8, Vancouver, Bostrum, 3:09; 9, Vancouver, Bostrum, 4:00.

Penalties

First period—Dutton, 2 minutes.

Second period—Matti, 2 minutes; Arbour, 2 minutes.

Referee—A. B. Cook.

Calgary

Goal Winkler

Defence Dutton

Bostrum forward Gardiner

Arthur forward Crawford

MacKay forward MacKay

Reinikka substitute Mackay

MacFarlane substitute Benson

B. Boucher substitute Galtman

Matti substitute Morris

Pastime Boulders Win On Nanaimo Alleys

NANAIMO, Dec. 20.—In Friday night's City League bowling fixture, the Pastime Club took the odd point from the Davenport. T. Fiorenti was high scorer with 182 pins. The scores were:

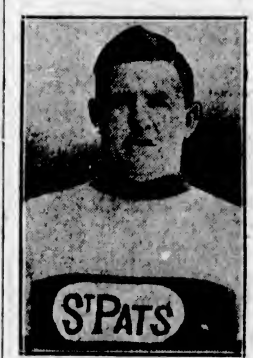
Davenport

W. Shepherd	135	127	144
J. Harbord	125	118	144
M. Galsano	157	131	143
E. Seckola	164	134	114
H. Valley	169	130	114
T. Leigh	120	143	107
Total	2,084		

Pastime Club

J. Warring	132	132	103
G. Holland	137	121	147
E. Seckola	164	134	114
H. Valley	169	130	114
T. Leigh	120	143	107
Total	2,047		

The yellow fever mosquito always lives in a house or near one.



JACK ADAMS
Plays centre for the St. Patricks professional hockey team of Toronto. He made quite a name for himself while playing with the Vancouver Maroons, in the Pacific Coast Hockey League.

Billiard Records Are Made by Conti in Championship Play

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Roger Conti, French billiardist, broke two world records for 18.5 ball-in championship play last night, with a high run of 472, clicking off 500 points in three innings for an average of 164 2-3. The former high run record of 384 was made by Welker Cochran in 1921, at Chicago, while Sutton's high average of 199 made against Willie Hoppe stood for nearly twenty years.

In the two matches he has played thus far for the European championship, Conti has scored one thousand points in nine innings, for an unprecedented championship average of 111 with two unfinished runs.

Handicap Swim Will Be Held at Gorge on Christmas Morning

The annual Christmas handicap race of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club will be held as usual at the club's quarters at the Gorge on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. The distance is 50 yards. Entries should be made as early as possible to Tom Wellburn, club captain, telephone 4302R.

Seven entries have already been received, and are as follows: Peter Johnston, W. T. M. Barrett, Jack Clyde, Art Stott, Brian Hunnington, W. T. Stanton and Tom Wellburn.

UPLANDS GOLF CLUB

Course Will Be Closed Today Until Further Notice—Mixed Four-somes New Year's Day

There will be a mixed foursome competition on New Year's morning at the Uplands Golf Club. Men will choose partners and players may arrange their opponents, but starting time will be drawn for. There will be an entrance fee of one dollar a couple and entries close on Tuesday, December 20.

The course will be closed today until further notice.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Football games played today resulted as follows:

English League

First Division

Arsenal, 4, Leeds, 1.

Aston Villa, 3, Burnley, 0.

Birmingham, 2, Cardiff City, 1.

Bury, 0, West Bromwich, 2.

Huddersfield, 1, Preston, 0.

Liverpool, 0, Bolton, 0.

Manchester City, 1, Birmingham, 2.

Newcastle, 1, Notts County, 0.

Sheffield, 1, Everton, 1.

West Ham, 4, Sunderland, 1.

Second Division

Barnsley, 3, Chelsea, 1.

Blackpool, 1, Oldham, 2.

Bradford, 1, Leicester, 1.

Derby County, 6, Coventry, 1.

Fulham, 3, Crystal Palace, 1.

Hull City, 4, Wednesday, 2.

Middlesbrough, 1, Blackpool, 1.

Preston, 0, Clapton, 2.

Portsmouth, 2, Manchester United, 1.

Routh Shields, 4, Stoke, 0.

Wolverhampton, 2, Southampton, 0.

Third Division

Northern Section

Ashington, 2, Wrexham, 0.

Barnrow, 1, Chesterfield, 0.

Crews, 3, Hartlepool, 1.

Doncaster, 3, Darlington, 3.

Durham, 2, Rochdale, 2.

Hullfax, 1, Tranmere, 2.

Lincoln, 3, Accrington, 0.

Nelson, 4, Rotherham, 1.

Roughport, 3, Bradford, 0.

Walsall, 2, New Brighton, 1.

Wigan, 3, Grimsby, 1.

Southern Section

Bristol, 1, Bournemouth, 0.

Charlton, 2, Norwich, 2.

Exeter, 2, Brighton, 0.

Merthyr, 1, Swindon, 0.

Newport, 2, Gillingham, 0.

Northampton, 0, Brentford, 2.

Queen's Park, 4, Aberdeen, 1.

Reading, 0, Bristol City, 1.

Southend, 2, Luton, 1.

Watford, 1, Millwall, 0.

Swansea, 2, Portsmouth, 0.

Scottish League

First Division

Aberdeen, 3, Third Lanark, 1.

Celtic, 0, Hamilton, 2.

Cowdenbath, 4, Ayr United, 2.

Dundee, 2, Airdrieonians, 2.

Hibernians, 5, St. Johnstone, 0.

Kilmarnock, 3, Raith Rovers, 0.

Motherwell, 0, Hearts, 0.

Paisley, 2, Falkirk, 0.

Queen's Park, 0, Morton, 2.

St. Mirren, 1, Rangers, 4.

Second Division

East Fife, 1, Clydebank, 1.

Albion, 2, Duffelmills, 0.

Elgin, 3, Dundee, 1.

Arbroath, 2, Bathgate, 0.

Boness, 2, Arthurlie, 0.

Broxburn, 0, Dundee, 1.

Johnstone, 1, St. Bernard's, 1.

Forfar, 0, King's Park, 2.

Dumfries, 1, Alloa, 1.

Stenhouse Muir, 4, Armadale, 1.

Third Division

Glentworth, 5, Newry, 3.

Crusaders, 2, Belfast Celtic, 0.

Distillery, 0, Barr, 0.

Irish League

Queen's Island, 5, Glensaven, 0.

Larne, 2, Linton, 2.

Northern Union Rugby

Batley, 6, Huddersfield, 12.

Broughton, 12, Barrow, 2.

Widnes, 18, Salford, 0.

Hallifax, 8, Featherstone, 5.

Wakefield, 22, Keighley, 14.

Hull Kingston, 10, Dewsbury, 2.

Swinton, 22, York, 1.

Hunslet, 14, Hull, 8.

St. Helen's, 10, Leeds, 13.

Leigh, 8, Wigan, 8.

Rochdale, 11, St. Helen's, 0.

Oldham, 2, Warrington, 5.



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Stuffed Animals, the latest novelty. Barney Google's famous horse, "Spark Plug." Prices \$2.00 and \$1.00

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A Big Stock at Clearance Prices

Mamma Dolls, regular \$1.25, now \$1.15

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Dolls' Beds, from \$1.45

Kewpies, regular \$2.05, values, to clear at \$1.40

Bank, from \$1.40

Telephones, from \$1.15

Girls' Beaded Bags, great values, from \$1.00

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CANADIENS WIN FROM SENATORS

SCORE THREE TO ONE IN SOMEWHAT ROUGH GAME

Hamilton Defeated New Montreal Team by Similar Score and Share Leadership With Frenchmen

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Canadiens, champions of the world, defeated the Ottawa hockey team here tonight three to one. The game was fast and at times inclined to be rough. G. Houcher scored the first for Ottawa in one minute. Moreau evened the score in the second period in eight minutes. Denney made it two to one at the end of the second period. Canadiens started the third period with a rush. Billy Boucher evened the count again in two minutes' play. Joliat made it a sure thing for the Canadiens.

Holding Pace
HAMILTON, Dec. 20.—In a fiercely fought N. H. L. fixture here tonight, Hamilton defeated the new Montreal team by a score of three to one, thereby holding pace with the Canadiens for the league leadership. The game was fast from start to finish, speed proving the dominating feature. The Green brothers each tallied in the first, while Briençonnet notched the Montreal's orphan. Shorty Green's clever goal in the second was the final score of the night. Burch and the Greens starred.

PROFESSIONAL SPORT
To the Sporting Editor.
Sir,—It is a generally accepted theory or notion that professional sportsmen primarily have two objects in view: First and foremost, professionals undertake the duty of showing other players the best possibilities of the game they play—very few can achieve near-perfection in any game without devoting more time to practice and training than the ordinary man can afford—and in this respect let me say that if an "amateur" is a "lover" then the pro must be an ardent amateur. The game of association football rose to a very high standard throughout British Columbia the introduction of a league for professionals. Ice hockey, too, is evident from the performances of the pros, offers an unlimited field of progress to our amateurs.

The second duty of the professional is to provide entertainment for the non-playing public, entertainment of that high order that cannot be expected from the once-a-week players. This duty is one that must be considered more seriously by the powers that be—I refer more especially to local ice hockey. Last season, as far as my recollection goes, not one

match was played here before a full house, many a time the seats were only half occupied. Seventy-five cents for a seat in the stands is too much to ask. Moreover, a full house is a price which will pay better than half a house at 75c and 1.00. This is a good game, one that all should see, and it is the duty of the professional interests to give all a chance. It is not a case of interfering with one's business; it is simply a demand by the public for a chance to follow the fortunes of what is called their own hockey team. What would happen to say, the Portsmouth football club in England if the lowest price of admission was half a crown?

C. V. MILTON.
1231 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria,
B. C., December 20, 1924.

SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS ARE TIED

NO SCORE RESULTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

George Jay and Oaklands Schools Leaders Respective Sections, Are Evenly Matched

The George Jay and Oaklands school soccer teams, school champions respectively of the south and north sections, were unable to reach a decision in their final game for the championship, and although twenty minutes overtime was played, there was no score by either side. The high-class brand of football played by the two teams reflects creditably on the fine work of their instructors, and the final game had all the earmarks of a cup-tie final, with each team playing its most careful and hardest game in the effort to carry home the championship.

The game was very capably refereed by Mr. Horin, a former professional soccer player, who has earned the thanks of the Public Schools Sports Association.

The line-up follows:
George Jay School—Brewster, Lore, McLean, Walker, Borden, Warburton, McGee, Shoudice, Robertson, Gibson and Bell.

Oaklands—Willoughby, Chapman, Riversomb, Alexander, Williams, Armstrong, Briggs, Johnston, Blackstock, McKenzie and Art. Chapman.

Among those present at the game, mostly pupils and teachers, were: Mr. R. H. McInnes, Mr. W. D. Knott and Mr. Geo. H. E. Green, of Oaklands; Mr. Hurn and Mr. Brand, of George Jay; Mr. Harry Gilliland, of St. James Douglas School; and Mr. John Gough, of Boys' Central.

SAYS COUGARS ARE SEXTETTE TO BEAT

Victoria Hockey Team Tackles Vancouver Tomorrow Night on Mainland—Here Christmas Day

"I still think we have the team to beat."

This prediction was uttered last night by Lester Patrick, manager of the Victoria Hockey Club, after the Cougars went through their final practice in preparation for their struggle against the Vancouver Maroons tomorrow evening on the "Mainland" City. The Cougars came through their practice in a satisfactory manner, and in the games they did not succeed in winning, they made their opponents sweat. The Victoria boys came through their first two matches, which were played in Winnipeg, but to win games in the other prairie centres, after being forced to stick in hotel rooms and trains, owing to the severe cold weather, was a task that was almost impossible to achieve.

The Cougars went through their practice at the Victoria Arena yesterday at a considerable pace, and showed good form, and a style that should make the Vancouver Maroons count on a victory on this occasion, and hope to defeat the Maroons here on Christmas Day, and also Regina, whom they meet here two days later.

Anticipate Crowded House

A crowded house is expected to welcome the Cougars on Christmas Day, when the Victoria pucksters perform on their home ice for the first time this season. Vancouver will be the thirteenth game of the match being played on Christmas afternoon, and it being the opening tilt of the season here, the game should prove a great attraction for lovers of the ice hockey sport.

Lester Patrick informed The Colonist last night that he had completed arrangements for the sale of tickets for the hockey game, and tickets will be sold all season at Timley & Hitchen's, 611 View Street. The sale for the Christmas Day fixture here will commence on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and it is expected that a lineup of patrons will be on hand when the sale opens. Last year's holders of season tickets may be protected and given the opportunity of again securing the same seats which they held through the 1923-24 season.

Auto loaded in 1923 used up nearly 200,000,000 board feet of lumber.

ANOTHER TIE IN S.S. BASKETBALL

HARMONY AND VOLUNTEERS GO INTO OVERTIME

St. Mark's Intermediates Win From St. Andrew's—St. John's Too Last for Congregationals

For the second time this season junior girls' teams have battled to a tie in the Sunday School basketball series. Last night at the Memorial Hall the Harmony and Volunteer girls' teams played five minutes' overtime without a decision being reached. The score was 7 all.

The Harmony five led until the last two minutes, when Volunteers scored and evened things up. No score was made in the overtime period. Referee, "Bill" Erickson.

Harmony—Connie Orrick (4), Helen Ryan, Gladys Ripe (2), Gladys Lee (1), Elsie Morrison, Anne Proctor, Helen MacKay.

Volunteers—Irene Wallace (3), Isabel Moir (4), Etta Young, Mary Hoff, Mary Logie.

Intermediate Girls

St. Mark's intermediates girls have been showing great improvement and they are now a real speedy team. In speed and combination they far exceed their opponents. St. Andrew's and won by a big margin.

St. Mark's girls will make things interesting for the leading teams in the league. Referee, Henry Edlin.

St. Mark's—Beatrice Rogers, Florence Hill (8), Jean Ewer, Hazel Cross (10), Ruby Bethel (4); total 22.

St. Andrew's—Hilary Foster, Rowena Ford, Mary Davidson (2), Crickshank, Aileen Hoyer (1); total 13.

Intermediate "B" Boys

After holding the St. John's team on even terms for fifteen minutes the Congregational intermediates boys failed to keep up the pace in the second period while St. John's were able to increase their score considerably. Referee, H. Edlin.

St. John's—Kirby (7), Nesbitt (4), Cotton (3), Hirst, Brake, Bloombe; total 20.

Congregationals—Hammond (4), Witlaw (2), C. Walker (2), A. Walker, G. McPherson; total 8.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS TO GO TO HUNGRY FAMILIES

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Is due to unemployment, we hear nothing more from the families when the husband gets something to do," said Miss Lawson, when speaking of the "normal" type of Friendly Help case. Not unusual, however, is there an effort to make some return for the assistance given. One family which makes frequent application for groceries and fuel when times are hard, always makes a point of restoring the supplies when times are good. There is an occasional case of a deserted husband, and the plight of such families is even worse than that of those where the father is the miscreant.

By no means all the cases of need come directly to the knowledge of the benevolent organizations. Some of these hungry and fireless homes would appeal and plead to death rather than reveal their plight. Many instances have come to light during the past week entirely as the result of a neighbor's observant eye. The Friendly Help of the Salvation Army has been told of children out in the cold gathering chips and bits of stick along the roadside in pinfrost or basket. The ladies of the army proceeded the cold snap proved very hard preparation in cases where men's employment was suspended and the pay cheque stopped owing to the wet weather interfering with work.

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The Salvation Army is sending out about 150 hampers this year to poor families who would otherwise have no Christmas dinner. The list is carefully prepared and checked with that of the Friendly Help, in order to prevent overlapping in this charity. Staff Captain Jaynes, who has charge of this part of the army work, gave a list of the contents of one of these hampers, showing that the supply very closely tallies with that of the Friendly Help, except that the materials for a Christmas pudding are included rather than the pudding itself.

"People seem to enjoy making their own Christmas puddings," said the captain.

In addition to these hampers the Salvation Army is serving Christmas dinner to some fifty or sixty homeless men, the meal to be served at the headquarters, 525 Johnson Street. Each guest receives, in addition, a Christmas present of a pair of socks.

Other Friends

The poor have other friends waiting to extend the helping hand. The King's Daughters this year are sending out ten hampers to people who do not come to the attention of the regular organizations. Members of the society, appealed to for supplies, responded generously with toothsome fare of all kinds, and on Friday the hampers were packed under the direction of Mrs. A. T. Harvey. Over

\$20 was donated in cash to make up any little detail which might be lacking.

Many of the churches and the Y.M.C.A. and I.O.O.F. are also packing hampers this year. Christ Church collected half a houseful of supplies in kind; the Metropolitan Methodist Church has a special committee looking after other cases.

SAYS CIVIC PIACY GANG WAS SMASHED

POLICE COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN COLLAPSE OF GRAFT KING

Dr. Ernest Hall, Retiring Commissioner, Talks of Stormy Sessions—Clan City, Says Mayor

That the police commissions of the past four years had succeeded in smashing the forces of corruption in the city, was a statement made before the final meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday by Dr. Ernest Hall, retiring member of the board.

"After a service of four years," said Dr. Hall, "I retire with a respect not wholly unsatisfactory. These four years have possibly been the most interesting, if not the most momentous years in the police annals of Victoria.

"Whether, deservedly or not, when the commissioners of 1921 were elected, there was no little dissatisfaction in the minds of the citizens with regard to the police system. Whether there was or was not graft, there were rumors of graft, and we had not been in office long enough to smash the forces of corruption. We realized that the office of police commissioner could be made to mean.

"We were approached. Money was paid us for a consideration. In Chinese town, which money was immediately turned over to the proper authorities. We heard the lion in his den; and for our enthusiasm in doing our duty, and our desire to give Victoria a clean administration, the forces of corruption became busy and retaliated. After persecution and prosecution, long drawn-out litigation, conflicts and conquests, we emerged beaten, yet victorious; convicted, but not dishonored; poor, but yet proud of the fact that we had smashed the municipal piacy gang, and had seen the complete collapse of those forces that would have made our police system rough and ragged, and an opportunity for the unprincipled to grow wealthy upon the misfortunes of others.

Tough and Ragged Virtue

"While previous commissioners may or may not have lived up to the ideals that were ours during those stormy days, we can never forget the case. Not unusual, however, is there an effort to make some return for the assistance given. One family which makes frequent application for groceries and fuel when times are hard, always makes a point of restoring the supplies when times are good. There is an occasional case of a deserted husband, and the plight of such families is even worse than that of those where the father is the miscreant.

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"FIRSTS" TO PLAY THE YELLOW CABS

An international basketball match has been arranged for Saturday, December 27, at 8 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium here, between the First Presbyterian Seniors, champions of British Columbia, and the Seattle Yellow Cab team.

The First Presbyterians will be at full strength for this game, and will have the services of Art Webster, star performer in their team of two years ago, and at present with the Dental College at Portland. Otherwise the same team will be on the team as were on it last year when they won the championship, namely, Gus McKinnon, Art Boyd, Norm Forbes, Ed Breckenridge, Dave Frohler and Bob Whyte.

There will be one ladies' preliminary game.

Mitchell and Duncan

Togo Outlines Idea for Reformed Christmas, But Nogi Calls It Tosh

LETTERS OF A JAPANESE SCHOOLBOY

By Wallace Irwin

To Editor Hon. Colonist, who pay his honest Income Tax to Hon. Andrew Mellon with following Xmas thought: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Dearest Sir:—

Tuesday m. my Cousin Nogi approach up to me with that form loan expression peculiar to poverty enjoying December.

"Togo," he say so, "I shall not hang up my sock this Xmas."

"For reason why?" I asked to know with quinine.

"I have but two (2) left, and these are so punctured they will hold nothing but holes," he persuade.

"Owell," I holla like a booster.

"Hang up yr shoes, pant or any other article of dress. Hon. Sandy Clause will untand & be charitable. For have we not reached the age of Coolidge & Prosperity? Answer is. Yes!"

"I have a conundrum or joke for you to reply," suggest Nogi. "What are difference between Pres. Coolidge & Sandy Clause?"

"If you speak to Hon. Sec. Siemp (Rep) you will find that there are no difference in the least," I divulge.

"That are not answering my puzzle," narrate Nogi peevy. "What are difference between Coolidge & Sandy Clause?"

Plans Against Santa Claus

"Let me see," I smart. "There must be difference between those two

Houstonians. But what? Maybe you can tell by looking at their photo. Hon. Sandy Clause wear his chin loose with all the feathers coming out. Hon. Coolidge keep his folded up so nothing can get away."

"You are talking trap-chap!" snarled Nogi. "Now if you can tie up your foolbrain for a instant I shall tell you the answer. It are following:

"When Hon. Coolidge come in stocks go up."

"When Hon. Sandy Clause come in socks go up."

(Mr. Editor, please tell Hon. Printer to print that joke so it will look quite comical.)

"Cousin Nogi," I say, putting strong iron on my eyebrows, "I are deliciously shocked to hear you speak so light and gassy about Pres. of U.S. He have been elected by sovrip vote of America & Illinois, therefore we can do nothing (or less) about it for 4 yrs. But if you wish attack somebody, I ask to know, why should we not do something to burst up this Sandy Clause, who have never even been supported by Hon. Wm. Jenny Bryan?"

"He have never done anything for the Republican Party," suggest Nogi, "then why should he go on holding an office? He are much more expensive than a Presidential Election because he come once a yr."

"You have said a earful," I ampu-

table. "A now I shall tell you something which have entered my brain oftenly while working in this Kitchen over my intellectual dishpan. Now I shall tell you a few statistics.

Xmas Must Be Scrapped

"Every year Xmas cost America more money than are spent on sin, blackmail, fords, divorces & other necessities of life. For price of one (1) Xmas this country could afford to go to war for two (2) yrs with Japan, France, Finland & the Malay Archipelago. For price of two (2) Xmas America could make first payment on Teapot Dome, the Philippine Islands & other natural scenery she are now too poor to keep. For

impossible from now onwards?"

"O horru!" report Nogi.

"Why you said it?" This from me.

"That man Sandy Clause have got swollen head from too much power. Nothing have been did to stop him. He have not even had a Segate investigation. Everybody should have that. Even Sir Andrew Mellon have several Senators to watch him. Yet that Hon. Sandy Clause go on, not being trimmed in anything, not even his whiskers. Do he account to a Finance Committee for his annual expenditure? Seldom if any. Do he keep books? If so, where are? Yet there he go round, climbing down chimneys, fire-escapes, steam pipes every Xmas morning, throwing around present just like Tammany Hall at election time."

"This may be bad habit," renig Nogi. "But it makes folks popular."

"I do not care for popular people."

I dib. "That are why I nearly voted for La Follette."

POINT FIVE—No duplication. If you already got a fountain pen or a book or a picture do not let this S. Clause pan another one off on you. All such should be sent to Dept of Justice where it will disappear, as usual.

POINT SIX—If you see anything you like in a Store buy it & send it to Yourself by Partial Post. This will make you happy all day.

POINT SEVEN—All Savings Banks must keep open Xmas Day so persons can deposit what they didn't spend for something somebody didn't want.

POINT EIGHT—All Xmas Presents must be approved by Hon. Herbert Hoover, Wash. D. C.

While I were saying this list my Cousin Nogi look at me with weary teeth & report.

"Please tell it in less talk. What are contained in Points 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 & 14?"



"Yet There He Go Around Climbing Down Chimneys"

price of three (3) Xmas we could civilize our Police Force, print (free) a Book of Etiquet for Street Car Conductors & start a National Movement to Educate Football Players. All European Nations could do similar if Dec. 25 was removed."

"But what shall you do with Xmas. If you are so smart about it?" require Nogi.

"It must be scrapped!" I holla.

"Look, what happens in Geneva (Switzerland) right now, please! All those Powers are requesting from Pres. Coolidge, kindly to call another Dish-armament Conference so that a few more American battleships can be sunk or blew off, thusly saving money for Japan." Well then, if so, Why should not Hon. Cool Cal remove that Conference to Geneva (N.Y.) while inviting all Prim Ministers from England, Ireland, Belgium, France & sometimes Germany for draw up protocol what would make Sandy Clause

"But how could you tie up Hon. Sandy Clause by a Conference?" Nogi questionaire.

The Fourteen Points

"It am so simple it look deceptive." I tell. "This Protocol could start with 14 points, if possible, like following: POINT ONE—Xmas are invented to have a good time without straining or bursting anything.

POINT TWO—30 days before Xmas Incum Tax Dept should send Gummed Shoemen frm places to places to find what persons want. Sign on the dolly line.

POINT THREE—Sandy Clause should be put under bond of 230000000.0000001 to keep the peace on earth.

POINT FOUR—Persons shall be forbid by law to give anything to Friends they would not give to themselves. This include colds, radio outfits & other curses.

"Oh," I negotiate. "they are same as other only in different words to make it sound legal."

But when this Law go into effect," he mune, "what you do with Xmas day to make it enjoyed?"

"Reforms are not apposed to make things enjoyed," I snarrel.

"They are merely manufactured for purposes of Reform. Yet Xmas would not be silent after that Geneva (N. Y.) Conference fixed it. No indeedly. By early morning fire bells & alarm clocks could be rung at cost price to make sound of jolly Yule. Then up-jump happy children to find stockings filled with grocer bills marked Paid, thusly showing that Father can spend one (1) more yr away from Poor House. After breakfast of wholesome prunes long walk should be took in freshair for deep breathing while a Lecturer go along to tell about life of Jno D. Rockefeller who

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got that way because he never spent any money he couldn't afford to.

The Scientific Xmas

"After harty lunching of proteins, ptomaines & starch children could go to a Museum (admission free) and study the fossils of dead crabs. Then after supper of more wholesome prunes Hon. Children go to radio for slight bedtime story as following:

"Good evening little deerys this are Sandy Clause broadcastuing from Treasury Dept, station OWCH. Once upon a Time there was a little boy who read the Congressional Record and discovered that the National Debt for 1924 exceeded the tottl savings Bank deponets for that yr by 1134 & 41c. "Pappa, Pappa," he holla, "this condition are pretty darnly financially unsound, by wolly!" So he commence to save gradially by licking the special delivery stamps from envelopes until 1913 when we find him at head of N. Y. Insecurity Co., a position of pump & power."

"Too much static," narrate Nogi peevy. "I could not listen to such garbage. That do not sound very Xmas to me."

"Perhaps not," I elope. "But this are a Scientific Xmas which I shall

arrange by Disharmament Treaty. Economy could accomplish anything. If America should save money like that for 8 Xmases, you know what she could do?"

What, if anything?" he ask to know.

"She could lick the world!" I grandiose.

"She would have to," dib Nogi, "or bite off her own head from revenge."

Nogi are one (1) of those who keep his brain in the ice box.

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What Has Been the Greatest Day in Your Life?

Great Days, in the Cases of Men, Are Associated With Career, Patriotism, Religion; in the Cases of Women, With Love

As in Olden Times, Men Still Kiss and Ride Away While Women Watch Them From the Tower

By W. L. GEORGE

Philosophy of the Modern Young Woman, Regardless of What She Now Thinks, Must Remain Uncertain Until She Falls in Love

Everyone of us finds in life one day that may be called great, a day different from any other, marked by something that cannot be forgotten, something delightful or something terrible but certain to mark the memory. Ask your child, your friend, and if you are rash, your husband or your wife, what was their great day, and you will remember bluish, hear them giggle, encounter in their eyes a braven look as they tell you . . . what they wish you to believe.

They have all had a great day. All about us go bank presidents, stenographers, kings, queens, hospital nurses; they have all had a great day. When one begins to enquire, and it is open to any reader to do so, at a dinner or a dance, or a picnic, or in an office, or factory, one discovers two strange things: the first is that we nearly all have had the same kind of great days; the second is that the great days of women seem to be the whole to differ from the great days of men. This is sad since it would be nice to have a great day together, but leaving that aside, it may be interesting to show the great days of six people whom I have managed to coax into confidence and, I believe, into speaking the truth.

I chose three women and three men, and here are their revelations. The first case is that of a lady now happily married, who informed me that her great day was definitely the one when, after several years of opposition on the part of her family, she decided to marry the man with whom she is now living most happily. She said that it was thrilling to feel that she was giving up for love the regard of her family, and, possibly, money which her family might bequeath her.

A Contrast in Emotions
The second is that of a man. It seems that he has on the whole led a life without much relief, one of those steady office lives that most of us do lead. During the war he enlisted, and because of his technical qualifications was placed in the munition service. He chafed against this because he considered that he was not doing his duty, and that he ought to take his place in the line. The authorities would not release him for nearly a year; he had to resort, practically to mutiny, and he told me that when at last he found himself in the trenches, he felt, "I am a man," and here was a joy the like of which he had never felt before and has never felt again.

Let us pass now to the case of a
One Woman's Heart
"We reach the case of a middle-aged woman with a large family. A big, red, fat, jolly woman, whom I almost believed when she said that all her days had been great and that the greatest was still to come. But at last . . . she confessed that her great day was the one marked by the birth of her first daughter. When I showed surprise, saying that as a rule women prefer sons to daughters, she said: 'You haven't got it at all. I love my children, and I love my boys, but Ed, my husband, had always wanted a girl, so when she came I said to myself: "Ed, I've given you all I can, and I seem to have given you all you want."'"

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Christmas Day and its Significance

There Was Once a Lack of Agreement as to the Date—Some New Discoveries the Subject of Controversy—Finding of Holy Grail Is Claimed

CHRISTMAS is ever new and joyous for the young and a time of tender memories and retrospect for their elders. It is so much a part of modern life, so distinctive and universal a holiday, in English speaking and many other countries, that it is hard to imagine a world in which it was not observed. Yet such was the case, "once upon a time".

In the exuberance of the holiday spirit we may at times forget the true significance of Christmas Day, but never for long. A world that has known much of strife, bitterness and disillusionment in the past decade, is finding itself again, and turning with renewed and reverent eagerness to the things that have stood the test of time, and of which Christmas Day is symbolic.

Historians and research workers are skeptical as to many of the early references as to the date of the birth of Christ. But many of them seem to agree that the first certain mention was by a Latin chronographer, A.D. 354, and which is given as reading:

"Year 1 after Christ, in the consulate of Caesar and Paulus, the Lord Jesus Christ was born on the 25th of December, a Friday, and 15th day of the new moon."

Observance of Epiphany, or twelfth day, on January 6, preceded that of Christmas and for a long time completely overshadowed the great festival of our day. Like Christmas Epiphany is also shrouded in legends, traditions and mythology that it is sometimes difficult to separate the secular from the religious. In the East from an early period Epiphany was observed as a three-fold commemoration of the star that led the three wise men to the birthplace of Christ, of His baptism in the Jordan, and His turning of water into wine at Cana. The primitive Christians celebrated Epiphany twelve days, the first and the last of them, were said, being observed with great solemnity. In later times much of the religious significance of this observance was lost and "Twelfth Night," became a

time for holidaying and revels of a less sacred nature. Before the fifth century, according to various authorities, there was a lack of agreement as to when Christmas Day should come in the calendar, dates in January and March competing with the December date which we observe.

Just as it is difficult to imagine the English speaking world ignorant of Christmas Day, so it is impossible to picture a later period when governments and governors tried to abolish it. What would happen in Canada if the government decided upon such a course now? The children, and those who are not too crusty to be children at heart once a year despite the advances of age, would literally trample them out of existence. Christmas and Santa Claus are here to stay. But the Roundheads when they ruled England, forbade its observance, and for twelve years enforced their order. Religious reasons and the fact that the festival also embodied many features that were pagan in origin, though harmless enough, were the reasons for such action. The Puritans of New England also adopted a somewhat similar attitude for a number of years. It is good to live in the present.

A Significant Demand

At a time when a great part of the world is completing its preparations for the celebration of another Christmas Day, it is significant that new books on the life of the Man for whom the Christian world observes it, should be more eagerly sought and read than ever.

A year or so ago, in a cave in ancient Rome, archaeologists discovered inscriptions in Hebrew, which some of them believe prove that the first Christmas Day was observed in that city. "Glory, glory, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men" are the words. Who wrote them? Christian men, awaiting death in the arena, or Christians worshipping in the momentary security of one of the underground passages of the Imperial City?

paratively beautiful. While those who now own it refuse to disclose the actual point of its finding they admit like so much that it is never cleared up, this will probably remain an unsolved mystery.

Of more sensational interest to the Christian world is the ancient communion cup, which for centuries, says Dr. William Newbold, "was a chief treasure of the Church of Antioch in Syria, mother of all the Gentile churches of the world." It is now secure in the vaults of a New York bank. It was discovered beneath the ruins of Antioch, by Arabs, some years ago, and eventually was brought to the United States. There is an inside cup and a holder, or outside shell. The whole is of silver. Cup and holder alike are seemingly destined to figure in controversy aroused by the claims of Dr. G. A. Elson, who has studied the chalice for years and has published a book about it. His most arresting contention is that the chalice is the very one from which Christ drank at the Last Supper. That is a stupendous suggestion for Christianity the world over. Of little less importance is Dr. Elson's argument in respect to the twelve bust and head portraits carved upon the holder. He believes that they were the work of an artist who had seen Christ and the apostles. There are two portraits of Christ, one as a boy and the other as an adult, and as in the case of the other portraits and of the other designs on the chalice, the workmanship is exquisite.

The Holy Grail

Critical experts, while agreeing as to the beauty of the chalice, and that it is very aged, are inclined to oppose the idea that it is contemporary with Christ. There is doubt in their minds, however, and an anxious searching for more information. There are carvings on the chalice other than the portraits which undoubtedly have a significance beyond the early days of the Christian church, but which are not clearly understood at this time. It would be a miracle of discovery and coincidence if there should be found where this chalice was discovered, other material throwing light upon it. If it was taken to Antioch for safe keeping during some persecution of the Christians in the Holy Land it is improbable that it was taken alone. Battered and bruised as it was when found, it was still com-



The Wise Men and the Star.

Holy Grail." Percival the Pure, who had once belonged to that noble company of Knights but afterwards became a monk, thus talks of it to one of his fellows:

"The cup, the cup itself, from which our Lord Drank at the last sad supper with His own.

This, from the blessed land of Aromat— After the day of darkness, when the dead Went wandering o'er Moriah—the good Saint Arimathæan Joseph, journeying brought To Glastonbury, where the Winter thorn

Blossoms at Christmas, mindful of our Lord. And there awhile it bode; and if a man Could touch or see it, he was healed at once. By faith, of all his ills. But then the times Grew to such evil that the holy cup Was caught away to Heaven, and disappeared."

And now there are some who think that after all these centuries the Holy Grail has been found, by Arabs digging for the treasures of the past under the direction of white men. What a challenge to the spirit and imagination of a generation which has been almost satiated by discoveries bearing upon secular history.

Scientific and Industrial Development

Automatic Telephones

We are at the beginning and not the end of the many interesting problems that will long engage the attention of telephone engineers, who have fearlessly fought their way through bewildering complications and built up circuit on circuit, and control on control, till mechanical operations wear the appearance of intelligent direction. Simplification will, however, proceed continuously and ingeniously will devise other and less complicated devices, while the necessity for standardization will work in the same direction. Already, there are several competing systems occupying special fields, and active competition among these will tend to improved working.

The ease and comfort of the user will depend greatly on the working of the dial, the mechanism by which a fellow subscriber can be summoned. By moving the dial numbers, he brings into action the gear that controls the selecting and connecting switches, but with this apparatus he has nothing to do, his power for action or interference ends with the movement of the dial figures into their proper places. Much attention must have been given to this point, and yet the process seems to be unduly elaborate. Seven operations are necessary to complete the call, three to attract the exchange, and four to call the subscriber, who will be designated by four digits. An unnecessary complication seems to be retained by adhering to the use of a descriptive name for the exchange, compelling the subscriber to translate three letters of the name of the exchange into figures. The necessity for this extra operation is not clear. Instead of taking from the telephone directory the name of the exchange, as Mayfair or Wimbledon, it is necessary to code the first three letters into 629 or 346. Possibly it is found in practice that the retention of seven digits in the memory for a few moments is too troublesome for many people. Certainly the process is very fully explained and the length of explanation may have confused up difficulties that do not exist. Abandoning a call, or taking measures to obtain access to an operator need provision to be made by special devices which are shown in diagrams, fascinating by the amount of detail exhibit 1 and explained.

The passage from manual to automatic working in a central like London must be long and tedious, involving a transition period, during which both methods may be employed. The working of the "call indicator," a marvelous piece of mechanism that makes final adjustment possible, will be set up at all manual offices within a 10-mile radius of the central tandem office in Holborn. All the outlying offices will have outgoing and incoming trunks to the tandem office, where the incoming trunks will be received on call indicator equipment. Of these outlying stations, some will combine three offices each containing 10,000 lines, and this may serve to indicate the extent of the accommodation required at the central tandem office. As completion proceeds, so a subscriber will be enabled by turning his dial to transmit any call automatically to any one of the manual offices in the area. When two or more automatic offices are installed, there will be direct trunks between them, and between these main offices and their satellites, so that calls from one of these to another will be strictly automatic—Engineering.

Coal Mine Protection

If a layer of powdered shale or limestone be spread out on the floors and walls of the main passageways of a coal mine the rush of air that is caused by an explosion in some one part of the mine will raise this rock powder in a cloud. This will act as a fireproof barrier against the spread

of the explosion to the whole mine. This is the principle of rock dusting, a new and successful method of saving life and property in mines. Already rock dusting is mandatory by law in these coal mines of Illinois and Utah, which are subject to gas. It is one of the rare innovations that has not had to fight its way against conservatism, but which is so meritorious on its face that nearly every mine operator sees its value and is considering the installation of the method. Terrible mine fires or explosions or rapid fires—formerly spread because the mantle of the accumulated coal dust in the mine passages was raised by the rush of air due to the explosion. The suspended coal dust then exploded in its turn. In rock dusting, the powdered rock prepared in a grinding plant is usually scattered on the floors, walls and ceilings of passages by means of air jets, much as fruit trees are sometimes dusted against insects. Why not "mudize" a mine instead of dusting it? The superintendent of a mine in Utah has just been experimenting with mud, sprayed on the walls and floor by means of a pump carried along on a mine car. Mud costs less than rock dust, owing to the high cost of pulverizing the rock. The mud coats everything with a layer less than 1/32nd of an inch thick. When dry it sticks. But the mud coating remains soft enough to pulverize again between the fingers. To the superintendent of the Utah mine it seems probable that the force of an explosion, traveling through such a mud-coated entry, might pulverize the dried mud, raise the solid particles into the air, and cause it to subside a coal dust fire or explosion, much as rock dust is known to do.—"Coal Age" (New York).

Shadowless Miner's Lamp

The ordinary miner's lamp is fitted with rods connecting the upper and lower parts. These rods throw shadows which, at a distance of about two yards, have a width of about eighteen inches, so that the miner is forced to frequently interrupt his work, walk to his lamp and turn it to avoid the shade on his work. Furthermore, the usual lamps have some glare and while efforts have been made to overcome this glare by using opal glass or frosted glass, these experiments caused a considerable loss of light. A new lamp which appears to avoid both the shadow and glare defects has just been brought out by a company in Weisaphalia (Germany). This lamp is provided with a globe covered with a layer of crystalline, stony material which gives a light very similar to daylight. As the light is indirect, the illumination is much more evenly distributed and the support rods cause no shadows. Furthermore, the workman cannot be dazzled by the glare, and the soft light is said to have a decidedly helpful influence on the eyes. The importance of such a light can be appreciated when one considers that, according to investigations in England, Belgium and Germany, approximately twenty per cent of all miners suffer from myasthenia or trembling of the eyes. Although few of the sufferers are incapacitated for work there is a very considerable loss through temporary disability and reduced output. In England, where over 6,000 miners cannot work because of this disease, it is estimated that it caused a loss in 1922 of a million pounds sterling.

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GLOVES

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Our stock of Women's Gloves this season is composed of well-known reliable brands that combine all the attributes which make them worth giving. There are beautifully finished kids and suedes, doekins, mochas and wools—the pride of the factories. The list below only describes a few of the immense stock.

"Trefousse" Glace Kid Gauntlet Gloves, in the comfortable pull-on style, with elastic at wrist. They are smart in appearance, and shown in shades grey, brown, mode, black and white. Wonderful value, a pair \$4.50.

"Trefousse" Novelty Glace Kid Gloves, having short flared cuff with chainstitch embroidered effect and harmonizing embroidered points. Very smart, and excellent value at \$2.75.

"Trefousse" Novelty Glace Kid Gloves, with one dome clasp, turnback cuffs, in fancy two-tone effect and two-tone silk embroidered points. Smart gloves and big value. A pair \$3.50.

Long French Glace Kid Gloves, 12-button length, oversewn seams, three pearl button fasteners. A glove that fits well, and in white only. On sale, a pair \$3.95.

"Trefousse" Long Glace Kid Gloves, 12 or 16-button length, with oversewn seams, three pearl button fasteners. Black or white. 12-Button length at \$4.95. 16-Button length at \$5.95.

"Perrin's" Mocha Gauntlet Gloves, with contrasting gusset, two-tone silk embroidered points. Grey and brown. At a pair \$3.50.

Washable Doekskin Gauntlet Gloves, the comfortable pull-on style, with elastic wrist. A very well finished glove and special value. A pair \$3.95.

Washable Doekskin Gauntlet Gloves, 8-button length, heavy weight and soft finish. They have wide deep cuff and strap fastener. White only. A pair \$4.75.

Fleece-Lined Mocha Gloves, one dome, regulation style. A very comfortable glove. Brown or grey. A pair \$1.75.

Fur-Lined Cape Skin Gauntlet Gloves, an excellent grade, lined throughout with fur. Have wide flare cuffs and strap fastener. A pair \$6.75.

Fur-Lined Suede Fabric Gauntlet Gloves of fine grade fabric. The cuff and wrist are lined with fur, and fingers with fleece. One dome strap fastener. Grey or brown. At a pair \$2.50.

"Trefousse" Novelty Glace Kid Gauntlet Gloves—gloves of exceptional value, with deep flare stiff cuffs, pique sewn and offered in white only, with black stitching. Excellent quality. Exceptionally smart. Regular, a pair \$6.50. On sale, a pair \$4.95.

"Trefousse" Long French Suede Gloves, 12-button length, with two-tone silk-embroidered points, three pearl button fasteners. Beaver, grey or tan. Pair \$5.50.

—Gloves, Main Floor

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3 for \$1.00

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Dainty Gift Lingerie

Many Lovely Christmas Gifts for Women

Dainty Gowns of silk coralette, crepe de Chine and Satin, trimmed with fine lace and insertion, two-tone ribbon girdles and ribbon flowers or tailored styles trimmed with clusters of tucks; lace insets and hemstitching at neck and sleeves. The shades include flesh, orchid, peach, sky and white. Priced from, each \$8.25 to \$19.50.

Beautiful Lingerie Sets, comprising gown, step-ins and chemises; dainty designs, shown in peach, orchid, white and flesh. At a set, \$24.50 to \$35.00.

Dainty Camisoles of silk and crepe de Chine, strap shoulders, lace trimmed or tailored finish. Prices from \$1.25 to \$3.95.

Envelope Chemises of coralette and crepe de Chine, trimmed with lace, cluster tucks and bands of georgette and ribbon flowers. Shown in sky, peach, orchid, flesh and white. Priced from \$6.75 to \$10.50.

Long Silk Camisoles of crepe de Chine and silk, tailored and lace trimmed styles. From \$2.00 to \$4.50.

Crepe de Chine and Coralette Sets, vest and step-ins, trimmed with lace and insertion, lace insets, ribbon bows and flowers. In shades of peach, flesh, orchid and white. From \$7.95 to \$11.50.

Blouses of satin, coralette, Milan silk and habutai silk, in a splendid selection of colors; all sizes. From \$3.50 to \$5.75.



Dainty Gowns of mill, voile and batiste, with shirred fronts and trimmed with fine lace medallions or touches of hand-embroidery and ribbon rosettes. Shades are orchid, peach and sky. Priced at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.25 and \$3.50.

Mull and Crepe Pajamas, in new designs, lace trimmed and embroidered models; flesh, pink, sky and orchid. Priced at \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.95 and \$4.95.

New Voile Sets, comprising vest and step-ins, trimmed with file and Val. lace, embroidered and lace medallions and pin tucks. Shades are peach, orchid, flesh, sky and maize. Priced at \$2.65, \$3.50, \$4.95, \$6.75 and \$6.95.

For a Man's Gift

A Pair of Good Grade

GLOVES

Men's Tan or Grey Mocha

Gloves, well lined, and with one dome fastener. At a pair \$2.00.

Men's Stout Tan Kid Gloves or mocha lined and with one dome fastener. Perrin's brand. A pair \$2.25.

Men's Tan Cape Kid Gloves, lined; have fur at wrist and one dome fastener. Perrin's brand. Special, pair \$2.75.

Extra Fine Tan or Grey Mocha Gloves, lined and with one dome fastener. English make; all sizes. At a pair \$3.75.

Tan Suede Gloves, unlined, with one dome fastener. Perrin's brand. Special, at a pair \$2.50.



Men's Tan Kid Gloves, warm lining and one dome fastener. Perrin's make. A pair, \$2.00.

Men's Genuine Doekskin Driving Gloves. Will stand hard wear; one dome fastener, extra long at the wrist. Sizes 7 1/2 to 9 1/2. Pair, \$3.25.

Men's Heavy Tan Mocha Gloves, fur-lined; Perrin's brand, with one dome fastener. A fine driving glove. At a pair \$1.75.

Tan or Grey Suede Gloves, silk lined. Perrin's brand. With one dome fastener. At a pair \$3.00.

Boys' Dressing Gowns

Cosy, Practical Gift for a Boy

Dressing Gowns of good weight beaon cloth, in neat designs and pleasing shades of brown, green and blue. Sizes from 4 to 16 years. Priced at \$5.75 and \$6.75.
—Boys' Store, Lower Main Floor

Small Girls' Silk Dresses

A Gift That Any Little Girl Would Just Love

Smart Novelty Silk Dresses in dainty styles for little girls of 3 and 4 years old. Made with long waist and three trills on skirt, of good quality crepe de Chine, in sky blue. Finished at the neck and sleeves with Val. lace and with ribbon girdle and bows.

Pongee Silk Dresses with fancy stitching on skirt and short puff sleeves, finished off with dainty rosettes of narrow ribbon. Sizes for 2, 3 and 4 years. Each \$5.50.

Children's Pongee Bloomer Dresses, made on a round yoke and finished with hemstitching. Bloomers have elastic at waist and knee. Sizes for 2, 3 and 4 years. Special, each \$3.50.
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Silk Costume Slips Special, \$3.98

Heavy Quality Silk Knit Costume Slips, in plain and stripe designs; finished with deep hem and strap shoulders; shades are sand, grey, henna, goblin, navy, cream and black. An ideal Christmas gift; all sizes. Each \$3.98.
—Whitehall, 1st Floor

Four Special Numbers in BLOUSES

Bargains for Christmas Shoppers

Smart Over-Blouses of crepe de Chine, designed with Peter Pan or convertible collars; long or short sleeves in Balkan or straight line styles. Some are effectively trimmed with braid, others plain. Sizes 34 to 42. Shades are sage, grey, white and black. Each \$4.95.

Silk Cordeline Over-Blouses, made in the long straight or Balkan style with round or V neck, with or without collars, and short sleeves, trimmed with braid or piping. Shades are orange, fawn, sage, grey and black. Sizes 36 to 42. Each \$5.95.

Heavy Weight Imported Silk Jumpers, in plain knit with round neck and short sleeves. They have girdle at waist and are finished with two pockets. Shades are grey, orange, brown, yellow, black and mauve. Each \$6.90.

Tailored Silk Over-Blouses of silk broadcloth, designed with "Robespierre" collars and long sleeves. Habutai Silk Over-Blouses with convertible collars, and finished with fine pin tucks. Shown in white only. Sizes 36 to 44. Each \$7.95.
—Blouses, 1st Floor

Sweaters in Newest Effects

Gifts Women Prefer—An All Good Value

"Universal" Knit Cardigans, plain styles in brush wool, with long tight sleeves and buttoned in front with four buttons. Sizes 36 to 40, in shades of fawn, dove, green, navy and black. Each \$4.95.

Novelty Pull-Overs, the "Avon," shown in all over designs of contrasting shades, with long sleeves, knit-to-fit cuffs and V neck, in green, fawn and sheepskin. Sizes 36 to 40. \$5.95.

Novelty Pull-Overs of brushed wool, good weight and well made, with long sleeves and V-shaped neck, neat collar, smartly finished with colored stripes; shown in jade, white and mauve, in sizes 36 to 42. Each \$8.95.
—First Floor

Dressing Jackets for Christmas Gifts

Smart Crepe and Wool Cashmere Garments

Dainty Crepe Dressing Jackets, trimmed with crepe and satin ruchings or hand-crochet embroidered fronts. Shown in rose, peach, sky, Copenhagen and orchid. From \$1.95 to \$5.75.

Warm Dressing Jackets of Wool Cashmere, trimmed with satin ruchings and embroidered in silk featherstitching; shown in dainty pastel shades. Each \$6.95.
—Whitehall, 1st Floor

Men's Gift Hosiery

Inexpensive—But Much Appreciated

Heavy Black Pure Silk Socks with cashmere feet. Pair \$2.00.

Interwoven Silk Socks, in plain shades; fancy rib or embroidered clox. A pair \$1.25.

Heavy Silk Socks, "Mercury" brand, with reinforced feet. Colors and black. \$1.50.

Men's Pure Thread Silk Socks, with double sole, heel and toe. Colors and black. \$1.00.

Men's Real Silk Surface Socks. Colors and black. Special, a pair 75¢.

Silk and Wool Socks, English make, fancy stripes. Checks or clox. \$1.00 to \$1.50.

"Wolsey" Brand Imported All-Wool Cashmere Socks. Colors and black. A pair 75¢.

Men's All-Wool Cashmere Socks. Colors and black, with fancy silk embroidered clox. A pair 75¢.

Men's Fine Cotton Socks. Shades camel and black. Special, a pair 35¢.

Men's Fine Mercerized Lisle Silk Socks, Silkline brand, with double soles. Colors and black. A pair will make a fine Christmas gift. Special, a pair 40¢.

2 pairs for 75¢.

Men's Art Silk and Wool Socks in two-tone shades. Very dressy and big value at a pair 75¢.

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

A Shirt for Father, Brother or Husband

It Will Be Appreciated

Men's Union Flannel Shirts, of medium weight and made with neckband and hand cuffs to button. They are coat style and have separate collar to match. All sizes, in assorted and fancy patterns. Each \$2.45.

Men's English-Made Flannel Shirts of all-wool shrunk flannels, pull-over style. They have hand cuffs and are patterned in fancy stripes on a white ground. Each \$4.50.

Ceylonette Shirts, a substitute for flannel. Big Horn and imported brands. Light weight with attached reversible collars: pull-over styles and patterned in light fancy stripes. Well made. Big value at \$1.75.

Men's Shirts of English broadcloth. A fine material of silky appearance and wears and launders well. Cream, blue, white or grey. Well tailored and with separate collar to match. Tooke brand. All sizes. Each \$3.25.

Fine Cambric Shirts, with silk stripes. Guaranteed fast colors. Acceptable Christmas gifts. Put up in presentation boxes. Each \$3.75.
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Are You in Doubt Regarding a Gift? Decide on

SLIPPERS

Women's Best Quality Boudoir Slippers, with rubber heels and pompons; ten colors from which to make your choice. A pair \$1.45.

Women's Felt Slippers, in various colors; leather soles. A pair 70¢.

Women's Best Quality Felt Julietts, in taupe, white or brown shades, at a pair \$1.95.

Women's English Plaid Slippers, with turnover collar; various patterns in plain red or camel. A pair \$1.95.

Women's Velvet Slippers, in various colors, trimmed with contrasting binding; have leather soles and flat heels. A pair \$1.00.

Women's Suede Moccasin Slippers, in brown or grey, headed vamps and fur lined. A pair \$1.45.

Children's sizes, a pair \$1.00.

Boys' Leather Slippers, with stout leather soles; shown in brown and black. Pair \$1.95.

Men's Pullman Slippers, with elastic sides; in brown or black kid. A pair \$2.95 and \$4.00.

Men's English Plaid Slippers, and in plain camel shade. A pair \$1.95.

Men's Leather Slippers, with stout leather soles; black, brown or maroon; all sizes. A pair \$1.95.

Men's Soft Leather Slippers, with padded soles and rubber heels; shown in brown or black. A pair \$1.50.

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor and Lower Main Floor

BALE ATTEMPT TO REGAIN THRONE

Emperor Karl, in Personal Memoirs Describes Attempt

Diary Notes of Deposed Ruler, Edited by His Widow, Zita, and Private Secretary, Disclose Amazing Story of Intrigue—Admiral Horthy Claimed Ready to Barter His Powers as Regent

FRANCE ALLEGED BEHIND 1921 EFFORT OF MONARCH

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THE diary of the late Emperor Karl, compiled from news dictated at the time of his attempt in 1921 to regain the Austro-Hungarian throne, is made public in the following article. This, published secretly in Germany today in a limited edition of 300 copies, is given here in the form in which it was prepared by Karl's private secretary, Baron Charles von Werkmann, with the sanction of the Emperor's widow, Zita.

Outstanding features of the document, which is certain to arouse controversy, include the detailed allegation by Karl that Admiral Nicholas Horthy, regent of Hungary, attempted to barter his actual power for honors if he should assist the return of the Emperor to the throne. Supporters of Horthy have always maintained that the firmness of his stand against the return of Karl in 1921 is one of the most characteristic incidents in his spectacular career.

The manuscript prepared from Karl's dictated diary notes also includes the statement that Karl had the support of France in his 1921 attempt. In the dialogue with Horthy, as given by Karl himself, the Emperor says he told the Admiral he had the backing of a very high French official. To this, with what is declared to be the verbal authority of the Emperor, his secretary has added in footnote form the name of Aristide Briand, who was Premier of France at that time. Karl's reported belief that he had French support has been known previously. According to French and other students of the 1921 situation, his belief was founded merely on unauthorized statements of intimations made by minor subordinates in the French Government.

The story of the events immediately preceding these recorded in Emperor Karl's diary is told by Baron von Werkmann as follows:

On Good Friday, March 25, 1921, at an early hour in the morning, a man of about 30, simply dressed, entered the railway station at Strauburg and approached the Paris-Vienna express which had just arrived. The Austrian and Hungarian notables were on their way to Vienna on this train. Nobody among them expected this traveler at Strauburg; nobody knew that he was to be heard the train.

Among the passengers, however, there was also a certain Count Jacob von Habsburg, passport No. 782, issued by the Spanish Consulate at Paris and stamped with French, German, Czechoslovak and Austrian visas. The conductor, who had the passport to the French border official, and later, on reaching German soil, handed it back to the "Spaniard." The holder of the passport, Count von Habsburg, was received by relatives, friends and acquaintances in the station and were solicited by porters and hotel clerks.

A slender young man approached Count Lasuen and his companion. There was a brief greeting. The "Spaniard" left the other two and went toward the square in front of the station. He seemed to avoid all the delays usually incident to looking after the baggage and choosing a vehicle.

His two companions hailed taxi No. A 211-265, driven by a chauffeur named Petrak. They asked him to drive to the Hotel Bristol. Petrak got no further than the square before the station, when the two men bade him halt for a moment. The "Spaniard," who had preceded them here, boarded the taxi. Petrak was told to start again, the chauffeur was told to drive to No. 9 Landstrasse. If, therefore, anybody perchance observed the taxi as it started from the station, he certainly could not know its real destination.

The streets in Stiermark are as bad as they used to be. Moenichkirchen has developed into a large watering place. Rooms for the Easter holidays were reserved many weeks in advance. We saw very many lamess and tourists.

At Sinnerdorf the Austrian official examined our passports—a function which they performed quite expeditiously. The Austrian customs officials as well as the police made a very good impression. They are well dressed, clean and decent. At the Hungarian frontier there was an old police sergeant-major from Debreczin, a typical, brown son of the Pustas, who did not quite know what to do with a passport. Beside him stood a soldier in summer trousers made of tiling.

The auto went on to Pinksau. This was a courtesy on the part of the Austrian border authorities. The auto had no right to cross the border. At Pinksau we ate at Jenner's Restaurant. The first warm drink in two days! Schnitzel with pickles. The proprietor retained our knives, forks and spoons as well as the pickles as mementos. It was in-

Principle Figures in Astounding Plot

Karl: Archduke who succeeded to the throne, becoming Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary and who died with his consort, Zita. Karl died in April, 1922, while in exile in Madeira. Besides his widow he left eight children of whom the eldest has been regarded as the centre of restoration hopes.

Horthy: Admiral Nicholas Horthy, national regent of Hungary. Scarcely a month ago a new plot to assassinate him was discovered; the Communist being blamed. Admiral Horthy, whose headquarters are in Budapest, was born in 1868. He was graduated from the Naval Academy at Pola, attained some note as a yacht racer and was aide-de-camp to the late Emperor Franz Joseph, predecessor of Karl. He is a Magyar. During the war he was cited for valor and as commander of the cruiser Novara he attacked the Italian coast several times. Disregarding orders, he quelled a mutiny. After he had retired, he took arms again with the reactionary forces when the Bolsheviks led by Bela Kun assumed control. On March 1, 1920, the National Assembly elected Horthy temporary head of the nation with the title of regent. The following year he was elected to the position of regent. He opposed such a new war. Karl was elected to the throne. Horthy was elected to the throne. Horthy was elected to the throne.

Werkmann: Baron Charles von Werkmann, private secretary to the late Emperor, who compiled the notes which were dictated to him and Zita during the 1921 attempt for the throne. Baron von Werkmann recently published a book in England, "The Tragedy of Charles Habsburg."

Zita: Ex-Empress, originally Princess Zita of Parma. She married Karl while he was an archduke and was his companion in power and exile. She has been accused of ambition for her husband and, since his death, for the eldest of her eight children, of whom the youngest was born shortly after Emperor Karl's death. She is now in exile in Madeira.

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Old Austrian Capital: Centre of the 1921 Plot



VIENNA, SHOWING THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

were at Ivanec, near Steinmanger, on the estate of the latter, and that, if telephoned to, they could be brought here within about two hours.

Sunday, March 27, 1921. After conferring with Col. Lehar, I decided to summon the two gentlemen. They were informed by an officer that a great misfortune would happen unless they came to Steinmanger immediately. They were in bed already—it was two a.m.—and were very much frightened. While awaiting the gentlemen, I drew up a proclamation to the Vice-Regent with Minister Vasa's help, which was to be transmitted by Hughes apparatus. Lehar favored immediately conferring the military Order of Maria Theresa and the title of duke upon him. Minister Vasa opposed the idea, fearing that the Vice-Regent's feelings might be hurt thereby.

Toward 4:30 a.m. Teleki and Sigary arrived. Both were dumbfounded. Sigary, however, the least. Meanwhile Lehar had summoned a battalion from Güns for the protection of the Vice-Regent. He declared at once there were but two alternatives: either to return to Switzerland immediately or to go on to Budapest.

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putting up a correct front, but every glance full of embittered hostility. Already, Horthy, approached me with a bewildered men. In his study (formerly it was mine) he blurted out at once: "This is a misfortune. Our Majesty must leave immediately; must return to Switzerland at once."

I replied to Horthy in all friendliness that there was no thought of it; that I could not do it. I would, since I had burnt all bridges behind me by leaving.

And now there began a two-hour struggle for power, in the course of which I, with no arms to fall back upon (as contrasted with Horthy), despite desperate efforts succumbed to the most infamous, treacherous and low-down greed for power on the part of Horthy.

I thanked Horthy first of all in the heartiest manner possible for all that he had done for his king and the nation. I thanked him for his meritorious deeds and lauded him that the king and the nation would never forget this.

And now I ask you to turn the Government over to me. I thought I had not understood him correctly. I asked: "What do you mean?"

Horthy: "Yes, What will your Majesty give me for it?"

As he said this in stretched-out lips, I saw that he was not serious. I felt nauseated at this coarse bargaining. I felt physically ill. The possession of a gift the nature of which was not yet clear to him? (?)

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Horthy: "But there is still something else I want in case I yield."

"What else?"

Horthy: "Your Majesty must confer a very high decoration upon me."

I forgot completely that Horthy was a Protestant, and said: "If you yield now, I shall decorate you with the Order of the Golden Piece."

Horthy, in happy commotion, said this would suit him.

"Now turn over the power!"

Horthy: "Impossible! No! I cannot turn it over. I have just been thinking again of myself. What am I thinking, anyway? Why, I swore an oath to the National Assembly."

Absolves No Soldier

"You swore me an oath first."

Horthy: "That oath no longer counts. It is superseded."

"No, that's not true. I have absolved no soldier from his oath! You, Horthy, are, besides, bound to me by a second, very personal oath: the oath of a chamberlain."

Horthy: "All that doesn't count any longer. I no longer feel myself bound as far as Your Majesty is concerned. For me only the last oath is binding—that sworn to the National Assembly."

"And this oath can contain nothing against the King, for the National Assembly has no right to change the old constitution; nor has it done so. You yourself always stated in response to inquiries by myself and my faithful followers, as to how you interpreted this oath, as a confirmation of the oath I pledged my King."

Horthy then replied that every "decent" man felt himself bound "devotionally" by the old oath.

Horthy: "Yes, that was then! Now, however, I am responsible to the nation."

"You no longer held any responsibility toward the nation. The state-of-emergency law is at an end, and the moment the crowned monarch is back in the country to re-establish the constitution, with my appearance, therefore, your responsibility toward the nation has ceased entirely. I alone bear full responsibility before God and the Fatherland, for it was I who swore the coronation oath and not you."

Horthy maintained a negative and gloomy silence.

"If you decline now to turn over the power, then that simply constitutes revolution, and the whole life of the state is on a revolutionary basis beginning today. Therefore—yield!"

Horthy: "No."

"Admiral, I command you in the name of the oath that you swore as your supreme law, to place yourself under my orders and to turn over the Government to me."

Horthy: "Then, after a pause: 'Anyway, the army is bound to me by oath and not dependably loyal to the Monarch. Your Majesty cannot count upon it.'"

"That does not agree with the information brought to me. I was told that you had the army firmly in hand. In this, of course, you were totally supported by me, and you had the power and the time to do so."

Horthy: "Yes, I have the army firmly in hand, but I am of the opinion that Your Majesty should not take over the Government now, and I don't intend to turn it over. I shall therefore command the army, which is bound to me by oath, and if necessary there will even be bloodshed. There is, therefore, not even half a per cent of likelihood that Your Majesty's cause will triumph."

"How can you think that soldiers will keep their oath to you, if you yourself break yours? Much rather do I believe that my officers and my men will certainly remember the oath they first swore to their King, and will observe the oath sworn to you only insofar as you yourself, Horthy, wanted it to be interpreted; yes, now in this oath a pledge given to the Admiral of the Emperor and King."

Horthy: "I shall simply have all men who fail to keep their oath shot as perjurers and deserters."

Hera I thought to myself: He is pronouncing his own well-deserved sentence.

Only by the most perfect self-control did I manage to ignore these infamies. I remained silent out of love for Hungary in the steadily deepening conviction that the direction of affairs must be taken out of the hands of this man. I witnessed a faithless, obstinate resistance that yields to no argument, because it does not want to yield. All nobler feelings seemed to have died out with him.

There was no one with me. I did not even know where my two companions were. I was desperate and had not even a revolver with me. Outside were the aides-de-camp of Horthy and his other attendants. Here orders were carried out only upon his command—I felt as though I were in a trap.

Emperor Karl's Memoirs will be continued next Sunday.

Chinese wood oil or tung oil is the most important basis of all waterproof varnishes.

TELLS HOW DIARY WAS DICTATED

Private Secretary to Emperor Karl, of Austria, Describes Background of Monarchist Plot

RULER'S DEATH MAKES FULL STORY IMPOSSIBLE

"Sought to Obtain Justice for Himself and His People, but Against Whom Injustice Prevailed"

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AFTER his first ill-fated attempt to regain his throne, Emperor Karl of Austria returned to Switzerland on April 6, 1921, and took up his residence in the Hotel National at Lucerne. The Empress Zita, who had awaited him on the Swiss-Liechtenstein frontier, at Buchs, left for Prangins, his former abode, on April 15, to make preparations for the transfer of the imperial family to Hertenstein. Counselor-Embaassy von Horovitsky, who had joined the emperor in Switzerland, returned to Hungary on April 27. Hence, during the five days of April 15-19, no one except Count Ledochowski, his aide-de-camp, and I were with the emperor.

Dictates Memoirs

During these days the monarch dictated his memoirs of the journey to Hungary to me. The emperor never kept an actual diary. In times of unusual occurrences, however, he was in the habit of setting down his momentary experiences and impressions in writing on the loose pages of a pad and of noting down matters to be attended to. Such notes were intended as aids to his memory. He also thought of the possibility that he might want to pass them on to men whom he trusted.



ADMIRAL HORTHY, Hungarian National Regent, who is accused in Emperor Karl's diary of trying to barter power for honors.

These first preliminary notes did not, however, exhaust the emperor's recollections of the significant events at the centre of which he stood at Easter time, 1921. He omitted from them much that might have revealed the real Horthy, the emperor was anxious not to expose the faithless admiral to the contempt of all patriots, but rather to offer him an opportunity to come to his senses and prove his change of heart by deeds.

It was with this intention, too—of getting Horthy on record in a good and not in an evil sense—that the king, in a memo issued to the Hungarian people from Steinmanger, Hungary, on April 2, urged them to support Horthy in such measures as "in accordance with the avowed, constitutional laws of Hungary, are necessary for harmonious co-operation between the king and the nation."

"Both wisdom and the love of my fellowmen forbid my saying more at this time"; with these words the emperor explained his reserve in committing his memoirs to paper. When later he reread them, he completed the picture of his Easter experiences, detailing the supplementary information that he had received.

Second Attempt Fails

The failure of the second attempt at restoration and the armed rebellion of the Vice-Regent against the duly crowned king proved to the latter that the ambitious rebel was not to be persuaded to turn back from his chosen course. The monarch therefore decided at Madeira to work up his various notes into a larger complete story of the infidelity of the Vice-Regent. This was not intended for publication, but rather for fixing the historical truth in writing and to warn certain leaders in the restoration movement. The emperor's early death prevented the realization of this plan.

I have now decided to publish the emperor's memoirs as recorded by the emperor and as dictated to me, inasmuch as various books which deal with the events of Easter 1921 have referred to this historically important and humanly interesting document without its having been put to evidence.

To publish the emperor's notes without an explanatory commentary would, after all, give but an incomplete picture of the emperor's real opinions of the emperor. I have therefore supplemented the dictated memoirs by observations made by the emperor in the course of going over his notes with me or with others. These are properly indicated.

The voice which speaks to us from these "memoirs" has become silent. It is the voice of a ruler who sought to obtain justice for himself and his people, but against whom injustice prevailed.

All Saints' Day, 1924

"Enclosed" Open Cars Gain Public's Favor

Glass Sides for Ordinary Machines Regarded as One of Important Developments of Past Year—New Designs Attractive and Practical, and Appeal to Motorists With Love of Outdoors—Little Additional Weight Given Auto

By Harold F. Blanchard

GLASS enclosures for open cars may be properly regarded as an important development of 1924. It is true, of course, that we have had glass enclosures for years, but it is only within the last few months that the idea has really taken hold, with the consequence that many manufacturers of automobiles are selling glass-enclosed models and listing them in their catalogues.

The new enclosures are attractive and practical, and, when still further perfected, are certain to give the older type of closed car a hard run for the "enclosed" open car much to recommend it. It provides the man of limited means with weather protection almost equal to that offered by the accepted type of closed car. Some men object to this statement, pointing out that there are some closed cars on the market that cost no more than corresponding open models. But while this is admitted, it is also true that the general run of closed cars cost considerably more than their open car brothers.

Appeals to Motorists

The "enclosed" open car also meets the need of two important classes of motorists who prefer open cars, even though they may be able to buy closed cars. One class consists of those lovers of the great outdoors who never feel quite satisfied when rambolling through the country in a closed car. The actual difference between an open car and closed car with the windows down may be small, but psychology is such a curious thing that the former car owners count the difference great enough to stick to their beloved open models—the writer among them.

Open cars are also preferred by those motorists who enjoy maximum performance, whether it be maximum

speed or maximum hill-climbing ability. The speed bugs, of course, should be frowned off the earth, but the man who gets a thrill out of tearing up a steep hill on high ought to be encouraged. Hill-climbing ability, among other things, depends on car weight. Closed cars usually weigh more than open cars, wherefore the hill-climbing enthusiast prefers the open door.

The glass-enclosed car appeals to both these classes: to the former because the glass sides may be removed in good weather, and to the latter because the enclosure adds little to the weight of the car.

Models Getting Better

The adoption of glass-enclosed models by so many makers indicates that this type is becoming so perfected that the old objections no longer hold. It is now a practical and durable construction, and still more important, most of the new designs are attractive, although in frankness it must be added that there is no question but that as time goes on appearance will be still further improved, until the enclosed open model is just as good to look at as its orthodox closed car competitor.

Considerable variety is shown as to the actual details in construction. In almost every case, however, the starting point is a permanent top—one that cannot be lowered, and, in fact, the rather general use of the permanent top has accelerated the adoption of glass sides. Glass sides are fitted to the top edges of the body, thus closing the space between body and top. In some cases the sides may be removed in a moment and stored in a thin compartment hugging the back of the front seat. In other cases the removal takes a little more time, but if no glass panels are used in two pieces, so that one may be slid over the other when ventilation is required.

Another interesting design, in which celluloid-type windows are employed, is shown in this page. This car is provided with an unusually strong, fabric-covered steel top, in which are concealed roller curtains working in grooves at front and rear. Closing the car may be accomplished in exactly the time it takes to pull down four window shades, since the operation is identical. In other words, the car may be transformed from an open model to a closed model or vice versa by the mere act of pulling the shades up or down. The celluloid is quite clear, and the fact that the curtains are mounted on shade rollers prevents scratching.

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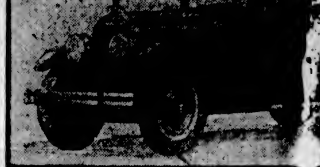
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STAR MOTOR MAKES RECORD WITH GAS

California Tests Result in Remarkable Performance—Tributes to Gasoline and Oil Used

That the combination of Union Gasoline and Aristo motor oil on one side and the Star automobile on the other, is a winning one, was established conclusively in the recent Star economy runs conducted in two coast cities. At Oakland and San Diego, Star cars, operating on the products of the Union Oil Company of California, set up remarkable mileage records for light-class cars.

At San Diego a Star was driven 100 consecutive hours, traveling 2,018.6 miles. During this time fifty and one-eighth gallons of Union gasoline were used, the average being forty and seventeen-hundredths miles to the gallon. This was affected materially by three punctures which cut down the mileage, inasmuch as the motor was kept running while repairs were being made, and by a severe rainstorm encountered during the run. One and five-eighths gallons of Aristo medium were consumed during the journey, the oil mileage being 1,239.14 miles to the gallon of oil.

At the same time the San Diego Star was making its remarkable showing, a Star in Oakland was outdistancing all other competitors in a similar 100-hour economy run in that city. The Oakland Star, using Union gasoline, set up a mark of thirty-eight and forty-seven-hundredths miles to the gallon for the long test. The Aristo used was even more exceptional in this case, the mileage being 1,796 miles per gallon of oil. During the progress of the contest, drivers and observers were compelled to drive a portion of one night and one entire day through a heavy downpour of rain and against a high wind. Had it not been for this particular phase of the weather higher averages would have resulted. The winning Star car on the night previous to the start of the contest, tested the courses they were to follow and averaged better than forty-two miles to the gallon.

The performances of the Oakland and San Diego Star cars are hailed as a real tribute to the quality of Union non-detonating gasoline and Aristo motor oil.

MOTOR NOTES

"The average car owner is seldom in a position to know just what he is doing to his car in the winter to approach as nearly as possible conditions as they exist in warm weather. For this reason," says Mr. J. J. Jameson, of Jameson Motors, Ltd., local distributor, "the following suggestions should be carefully observed by automobile owners. Before any anti-freeze solution is used the water circulating system should be inspected for leaks. Do not use anti-freeze preparations containing calcium chloride or other similar compounds, as they corrode the inside of the radiator. The only satisfactory solution of which we know is alcohol and water. The following table shows different proportions of mixtures with temperatures at which the solution will begin to freeze:

10%	80%	27
20%	80%	19
30%	80%	10
40%	60%	2 below zero
50%	50%	10 below zero

"Glycerine is sometimes used with alcohol to reduce evaporation to a minimum. If glycerine is used, mix the alcohol and glycerine in equal proportions and use this mixture in the same percentage as alcohol in the above table. It must be remembered that it is necessary to add alcohol from time to time to replace that lost due to evaporation. When ever necessary to fill the radiator to replace losses by evaporation use a mixture of 40% water and 60% alcohol. Another suggestion: Loosen your fan belt, which will insure a flow of air through your radiator and thereby allow the motor to run warmer than it otherwise would."

Mr. A. Kohler, manager of the B. P. Goodrich Rubber Company of Canada, was in the city recently visiting the local distributor, Mr. A. McGavin. Mr. Kohler was quite impressed with conditions in Western Canada and more especially British Columbia.

Note from Duncan: It's just about got so around Duncan that an automobile shies at a load of hay.

Stand up close while cars are passing on a rainy day. If you get splashed you will have a fine chance to tell how little consideration drivers have for pedestrians.

"December is going to be a big month," says Mr. Frank Moore, of the National Motor Company, local Ford dealer. "We have a number of deliveries to make Christmas morning, and these few at least will have a real jolly Christmas."

Take, for instance, the bus that is planned with a message. A "Covered Wagon" would you say?

Tait & Melrose, local Oakland distributors, are awaiting a shipment of new Oakland coaches.

The new Hupmobile "K", which is expected to reach here within the next two weeks, is the last word in automobile construction. Hupmobile officials are keeping details under cover and the car will not be announced until the opening of the New York Automobile Show the first week in January.

LOWER CALIFORNIA NEW TOURIST AREA

Hundreds of Miles of Road Now Signed in English—Old Mexico Opened to Sightseer

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—So great has become the annual influx of motor tourists in Southern California that foreign territory has been included for sightseeing purposes. This was accomplished through the friendly co-operation of Governor A. L. Rodriguez, of Lower California, and the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Until this arrangement was made, the romantic peninsula territory, the ancient land of the Aztecs, was a closed book to the English-speaking tourists. Now, however, through the activity of the sign-posting department of the Automobile Club of Southern California, more than 400 miles of roads in this little-known territory have been signed in English.

The Mexican roads now signed in English for the benefit of tourists include the road down the border from San Diego to fourteen miles below Ensenada, a distance of approximately 100 miles. Another stretch of road extending from Tia Juana to Mexicali runs along the northernmost border of Lower California. Still another from Ensenada to Mexicali runs southwest to northeast across the peninsula and over a famous bit of mountain engineering known as the Canto Grande, named in honor of former Governor Canto, and the first highway constructed across the Sierra Nevada range extending down the center of the peninsula.

The work of sign-posting now being finished includes 418 miles of road on which have been placed 465 signs. Since the Mexican border has been thrown open to the public, many Eastern motorists touring in California have wanted to visit old Mexico, but have been timid because of ignorance of the Spanish language. It is believed that the sign-posting in English will remove this barrier and make available this interesting bit of foreign country for visiting motorists in Southern California.



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EDGAR APPERSON IS DEAN OF INDUSTRY

Edgar Apperson is the only man now actively engaged in the automobile business who participated in the beginning of the industry. It was disclosed by a survey made recently in connection with the forthcoming New York Silver Jubilee Automobile Show.

The committee in charge of the manufacturers' dinner, a feature of the January show week, has announced that guests will occupy "seats of honor" in accordance with their seniority in the manufacture of automobiles. As a result, attention is focused on the fact that Mr. Apperson occupies the unusual position of dean of the world's greatest industry at 57.

Of all the famous names of pioneer automobile days—Apperson, Haynes, Maxwell, Winton, Duryea—only Mr. Apperson remains as an executive actively engaged in the business of the company he founded. His record of thirty-two years' service without a break, during which time he has continually tested, experimented and developed motor cars, is without parallel in the industry.

GERMANS LEAD THE WORLD AS JAY WALKERS

Germans are the greatest "jay-walkers" in Europe. Automobiles have been so few in the larger German cities, and for the most part the streets are so broad, that pedestrians have paid little attention to traffic. Accommodating drivers have limited their speed and movements to suit the public, which walked all over the streets.

But the times are changing. With the stabilized mark motor cars are appearing in large numbers and the German cities have been forced to study methods practised abroad in controlling traffic. Several police officers have recently returned from the United States and England, where they observed modern methods of control.

Already in Berlin the police have instituted reforms, but as the officers entrusted with traffic control are inexperienced, the first effects have been a decided slowing down of pedestrians and motor traffic on cross-ings in the central section of the city, and much dissatisfaction.

Nearly 30 per cent of the average auto-bodies are made of maple, elm being a close second.

An open passenger auto requires 150 board feet of lumber.

Excuses Fail to Repair Damage From Accidents

An excuse is a poor relief in an automobile accident. An excuse does not mend an injured limb, bring the dead back to life, or repair property damage. An excuse does not ease the conscience of the driver of an automobile which figures in an accident, no matter how plausible the excuse may be.

The public wants safety—not excuses. A safe driver never has to make excuses for his driving. Safe driving constitutes the application of common sense, obedience to the rules of the road, and the traffic laws, and perfection in the fine art of being a gentleman, according to the British Columbia Automobile Club.

OPEN AND CLOSED COILS ARE DESCRIBED

Ignition coils are of two types, the open circuit type, and the closed circuit type, depending upon the type of interrupter with which they are used, whether open or closed. The difference between the two types of interrupters is that the length of time of contact on the closed circuit is much shorter than on the open circuit construction. For this reason, an open circuit coil must build up much faster than a coil which is used with a closed circuit interrupter.

The number of turns of wire in the primary winding of the coil determines the speed with which it will build up; the greater the number of turns, the greater will be the length of time consumed in building up. A closed circuit coil will have approximately twice as many turns as the primary winding as an open circuit coil.

An open circuit coil will draw a heavier current but for a shorter length of time. As the type of coil cannot be determined by its external appearance, it is necessary to apply some test in order to determine the type. In order to do this, it is merely necessary to connect it through an ammeter to a six-volt battery, and note the amount of current it draws.

Stromberg Carburetors Remain as Standard

Stromberg carburetors, which for the last year have been standard on Best tractors, remain for 1925 as regular equipment of this type, according to Mr. Howard Lillie, proprietor of Lillie's Garage, distributors here of Strombergs.

Production schedules have been increased 40 per cent by the Best Company since September of this year, according to Mr. Lillie, and it is predicted that further increases will be put into effect within a short time. Best tractors are one of 131 models regularly equipped with Stromberg carburetors.

If you have attached your radiator shutter device rather hastily and have not provided for sufficient leverage to enable you to open the shutters wide (from the instrument board control), do not go to the trouble of taking it off again and trying for an ideal adjustment. If the shutters open three-quarters, experience shows, the engine will keep almost as cool as though they opened wide. The draught of air seems to be the same, merely entering the radiator core on a slant instead of straight. For winter driving it makes no difference.

Total receipts from fees, licences and permits in the United States were \$199,472,682 during the first half of 1924.

CAR COMPANY HEAD URGES SAFE DRIVING

Standardization of Signals and Regulations for Speed Will Safeguard Human Life

By F. C. CHANDLER, President, Chandler Motor Car Co.
The automobile of today leaves little to be desired to insure safety. The perfecting of brakes, steering and gearshift mechanisms makes the car safe in the hands of a competent and reasonably careful driver. However, if more can be accomplished in this direction, manufacturers will go the limit regardless of cost.

There is no maker who will not place upon his car any demonstrated improvement that will safeguard life or who will omit any safety factor. With the cars themselves so highly developed, one of the greatest needs to promote safety is standardization of regulations. At present, what is legal at one place is illegal elsewhere. Driving practices that mean safety in one state would lead to fatalities in another.

Standardization is needed especially to apply to signals made by drivers and to the signals and signals by which the drivers are directed in traffic.

Attempts to secure universal adoption of a uniform system of arm signals are likely to prove ineffective. No matter how simple a system of hand signals is in force, the driver will readily forget it under stress of sudden emergency. Besides, it is not always possible, while managing a car, to place the arm and hand in a proper position to convey information to others. In my judgment, there is just one thing that all drivers should do, and that is to thrust out the left hand as a cautionary signal, warning everything behind to slow up until the driver's intentions have been ascertained.

Standardization of the signals designed to guide the driver and regulate traffic involves a far more complicated problem. There are, however, certain universally accepted standards that should be followed in traffic regulations.

For example, there can be no reason for using any but green lights to permit traffic to go ahead and red lights to halt it. Railroad practice, two colors known throughout Canada, has made the significance of these and the United States. Therefore, since these colors are understood everywhere, no community has any excuse for confusing the motorist by using different colors. If, throughout the country, we could similarly standardize the regulations for size, weight, speed, equipment, warning signs, etc., it would be a wonderful thing for the safeguarding of human life.

Detroit is planning "super-highways" to relieve congestion. The special motor lanes will have a provision right-of-way of 204 feet. Provision is made for pedestrian traffic, for rapid rail transit and for local rail transit; for high speed uninterrupted motor vehicle travel; for loading platforms, safety zones and parking lanes. All the motor vehicle traffic in each city (under control) and its segregation or classification persists the entire length of the super-highway.

The Motor Vehicle Register in Massachusetts has trouble each year in satisfying those who are superstitious about the number 13. As a rule, motorists have on each license plate on which the number has the figure 13 in it. Some people count up the numerals on the plate, and if the total should be 13 there is a complaint heard. On the other hand, however, there are a few who insist on having a plate on which the figure 13 appears—the more 13's the better.

NEW HUMPHREY "8" IS EXPECTED HERE WITHIN FEW WEEKS

The premier of the widely-discussed new Humphrey eight is to be made in every leading centre of the country within the next few weeks. It was announced in Detroit last week. In New York City it will be disclosed to an estimated crowd of 300,000 people during the weeks of the New York Automobile Show, which starts January 2.

Humphrey engineers say that there will be disclosed in the new eight a number of qualities never before incorporated into any motor car. It will be the first eight-cylinder automobile that the average family can afford to own, factory officials said.

In all the months in which Humphrey executives and engineers were engaged in designing, developing, building, testing and proving this car, they were imbued with the belief that an eight-cylinder automobile could be produced which would be so economical to own, operate and maintain that the average family of today could afford to own one, a further pre-announcement of the car states.

Retail orders placed for the eight are reported as already exceeding 1,000. The Humphrey factories in Detroit, Jackson, Mich., and Racine, Wis., are making every effort to supply the company's entire distributor and dealer organization as rapidly as possible, so that the whole public may have opportunity to view the car coincident with or soon after the New York Automobile Show.

NEW RECORD IS SET FOR 900-MILE DRIVE

El Paso to Los Angeles Covered at Rate Faster Than Railroad Train Speed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Nosing out of a whipping storm of rain and heavy wind a new Studebaker Standard Six Duplex Phaeton stock car checked in at the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at 4:21 a.m., having made a 900-mile non-stop run, with its gear sealed in high, from El Paso to Los Angeles.

The car was piloted by Edward H. Lester, El Paso distributor for Studebaker cars, and C. S. Payne, factory representative for Studebaker, of the same city. The men made the run in actual driving time of 24 hours and 21 minutes, beating the time of the Sunset Limited.

When the motor stopped in front of the Western Union Office it was the first rest it had gotten in its long grind. Slipping into the downtown business district through a drizzle, the car performed just as beautifully as the day it left the factory. It had been given a thorough test of its endurance.

The route of the car was from El Paso to Deming, N. Mex., Lordsburg, N. Mex., Safford, Globe, Superior, Phoenix, Yuma, Brawley, Indio, Redlands, Colton and over the Valley Boulevard into Los Angeles.

The last 100 miles were made through a bitter storm, the Studebaker bucking winds of forty to fifty miles velocity, head on. In spite of the driving rain and wind and the treacherous, slippery pavements, the pilots brought the car through in splendid time, beating their own estimated time limit when they started from El Paso.

The time made by Lester and Payne constitutes a record, for no other stock automobile ever has been asked to make a non-stop run over this route before, as it covers some of the worst roads in the Southwest.

Checking in for official time records, Lester and Payne declared they had been compelled to make several long detours in the Imperial Valley because of road construction

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SHIFTING GEARS WHEN COASTING CAR

Usually the novice finds it a difficult task to re-engage high gear after descending a hill in neutral. For some reason many drivers find this particular change extremely awkward. The simplest plan is to practice it at a fixed speedometer reading, preferably about 20 m.p.h. We suppose even a novice understands that the engine must be running when the high gear is re-engaged, other wise the driver is attempting to connect a moving part with a stationary part. Silent engagement depends entirely on two factors:

The clutch must be out, but not out so far that it comes to rest.

The engine must be accelerated to the right degree.

The right degree is easily learned by the ear. The puzzled learner should coast a hill, and as the car slows to his selected practising speed,

say 20 m.p.h. at the foot of the hill, he should—

Press the accelerator till the noise of the exhaust sounds approximately correct for 20 m.p.h.

Free the clutch by a slight depression of its pedal.

"Feel" high gear notch with the gear-lever. In all probability the lever will slip silently into high.

The habit of "rushing" piles of snow is likely to lead to trouble if continued when that snow has become frozen. In the latter state the snow is scarcely softer than a rock, which means that it has all the elements necessary for breaking spring leaves, upsetting the car, cracking the carcass of the tires or knocking the steering wheel out of the driver's hands.

Least motor vehicles in proportion to population is in the east south central states, where there are 10 cars to every 136 persons.

ER GASOLINES REFINED HERE PRAISED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hiltz to-day issued the following statement:
"In justice to Canadian oil refiners, it should be stated that a later and more complete analysis, made under the supervision of the medical health department shows that gasolines actually refined in Canada are better than the samples we collected, both in the United States and here, of American manufactured gasolines."

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Tibetan Capital Which Bans the Foreigners



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Disguised Himself to Enter Forbidden City

Mr. William McGovern Tells How He Dyed His Skin and Squeezed Lemon Juice in His Eyes to Avoid Detection by Tibetans—Hid His European Clothes Under a Rock—Describes Dalai Lama, Who Has Modern Ideas

COMPARED with Tibet, the Great Wall of China was never in it. For Nature, in its most repellent mood, gives sanctuary to the strange kingdom of the Dalai Lama. The country is a table-land, eighteen times the size of England, standing fifteen thousand feet above the sea level, and very difficult to traverse. That fact has always been there. Today it is reinforced by an increased measure of restriction to foreign "devils," and by all the arts of an adapted Scotland Yard, for though the country is being modernized, with an up-to-date army, regular postal communication, telephone and telegraph, the ring round Tibet grows tighter, for all these aids to intercommunication are employed to keep out intruders.

Such are the facts which faced the four British explorers under Shackleton's old friend, Mr. William McGovern, F.R.G.S., in the summer of 1932 for a peep into Tibet. They wisely co-opted Mr. William McGovern, then lecturer in Chinese and Japanese in the School of Oriental Studies, London, for he could speak Tibetan.

They started from Darjeeling on September 8 and got as far as Gyantse—where we have an Agent—which is 147 miles inside the frontier. But not a step further were they allowed to go; so they had to return to Darjeeling.

Mr. McGovern Goes Alone But that did not daunt Mr. McGovern, who decided to try again by a less-known route further to the west, for he knew the earlier passage would be watched, and any attempt to disguise as a real Sikkimese, posing as a "servant" to "Ratan," he had already dyed and got up his hair in Sikkimese fashion; now he had to go the whole hog—in a snow-clad mountain pass.

"In order to stain my skin I had to drip and stand stark-naked in the bitter morning wind, while my personal servant dabbed on me my special concoction of walnut juice and iodine. I considered it necessary to stain my whole body and not merely the ordinary visible parts.

"Then came the question of eyes. My eyes are blue, such as one never finds in the Orient, and this was likely to prove the weakest part of my disguise. For this I had a twofold remedy. In the first place I sliced open a lemon, specially brought along for this purpose, and squeezed the juice into my eyes. Though sharply painful and likely to irritate the eyeballs, lemon juice serves to give the eyes, temporarily, at least, a much darker hue.

"For further security, however, I employed glue and dark goggles. I pretended to have contracted a sharp attack of snow-blindness, and

dabbed copious amounts of glue and mud under the eyelids in imitation of the secretions which customarily result from this trouble, and, furthermore, wore the dark goggles as a pretended protection against the glare of the sun.

"The next thing to be done was to wrap up all my European clothes and other incriminating articles, and secrete them under a rock. It may be that some future traveller to Tibet will find them in years to come, and wonder how such things came to be placed in this far-away corner of the world."

From that moment he never even washed his hands for many weeks, and when he did at last get a bath he was more conscious of the lice and the cold than he had been when he was caked with dirt, as all Tibetans are.

A Tibetan Bismarck At last he set foot in the Sacred City on his New Year Day, February 16.

In finding sanctuary in the flat of a man named Sonam, he had walked straight into the lion's den, for Sonam was the official (of Sikkimese birth) in charge of the new communication system, and had known all about the coming of Mr. McGovern, who had been gently shop-

herded into his charge. The Englishman had to confess his identity. Sonam, however, was perfectly friendly, and with great secrecy ushered him into the presence of the Posh Lhak of Tibet, Tsarong Shap, the Commander-in-Chief and Chief Secretary for State.

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THE DALAI LAMA Described as the One Really Great Man in Tibet.

"A squat little man inclined to fleshiness, and there was nothing very imposing in his presence. Nevertheless, he is the possessor of a

very unusual personality, and is the one really great man in Tibet. In my opinion he is destined to play in his own country the same role that Bismarck played in Germany and Ito in Japan, though, of course, he has to work with infinitely inferior materials.

"He is very modern in his ideas and wishes to see the same awakening in Tibet as has taken place in Japan. Acting under his advice, the Dalai Lama has instituted many reforms, which have had an enormously beneficial effect upon the country. Needless to say, these reforms have met with vigorous opposition on the part of the monks. Numerous attempts have been made to assassinate him."

Tsarong, who really wanted to see the Englishman, has equipped the army on British lines, and dressed himself like a British officer, except that he had not the heart to give up his turquoise earrings and jewelled top-knot.

The Great Panjandrum After being arraigned before the city magistrates, Mr. McGovern was taken to see the Dalai Lama himself, but secretly, for even he is not able to overcome foreign-hating monks completely.

I found him a smallish man, lighter in build and with a face longer and more oval than most Tibetans. His head is shaven as becomes a priest, but he has a long, pointed moustache which he learnt in India to wax.

He is a man who is obviously accustomed to be regarded as a god, and who, moreover, has a firm belief in his own divinity, and yet there is a great quietness and even modesty about his manner. Yet he is obviously concerned with this world's affairs. He is ambitious in a cool, calculating way.

However friendly the big officials were, the mob was furious and attacked Mr. McGovern's lodging, and the only way to save his head was

ITALY LOSES ITS FAITH IN FASCIST

Mussolini Concedes in Chamber of Deputies That Public Opinion Has Reacted Against His Government

CONTROL OF MILITIA DOMINANT ISSUE

Four Hundred Thousand Black Shirts Masters Today Not Only of Nation, but of Organizer Himself

ROME, Dec. 20.—Unquestionably Benito Mussolini's administration has lost the confidence of the majority of the Italian people. The Fascist Premier himself has conceded in the Chamber of Deputies that public opinion has reacted against his Government. Ordinarily a Government of Europe in such a situation quits and its members go into opposition.

But the position in Italy is not so simple as that. Fascism, though it claims now to be a constitutional movement, rose to power by revolution—a peaceful revolution, but a revolution just the same. It has held power and it holds power now by revolutionary means. It cannot simply lay down power without running the risks that await defeated revolutionaries. Its only hope either of gaining national stability as a purely political force or of making a peaceful exit from power lies in first restoring the conditions of Italian political life to normalcy. That now is the avowed policy of Mussolini. On his success in achieving it depends the fate of the Fascist experiment.

Movement Two Years Old It is just two years since the Black Shirt legions marched on Rome and King Victor Emmanuel, staving off civil war by bowing to force of circumstances, summoned Mussolini to the Premiership. Fascism always was a minority movement, but it took office with the benevolent expectation and confidence of the Italian people. Its strongest claim on popular affection was that it had smashed the Communist uprising which weak governments in Rome had been afraid to fight. It had smashed the Communists by means as violent as they had used in their attempt to gain power by terrorism; but at least it had smashed them, and when the Fascist government took office two years ago Communism lay in the dust.

Then came Mussolini's opportunity for restoring the normalcy which to say he finds it so difficult to restore. But Fascism got drunk with the first taste of power, and the process of sobering down is not yet complete. All of Mussolini's trouble date to his failure to solve the problem which faced him when he exchanged the black shirt of the revolutionary leader for the morning coat of the Premier of Italy. What should he do with his followers, armed, drilled, hundreds of thousands strong?

Forms National Militia Mussolini answered the question by turning them into a national militia. Any other answer to the question doubtless was difficult to find, but the mistake was fatal. The wilder elements of the Black Shirts, with Communism defeated, looked around for fresh fields of conquest. They found them in Socialism, Liberalism, in political Catholicism, in the agricultural and industrial co-operative movements, and, revolver in one hand and stick in the other, they waded in to make themselves the Praetorian Guard of political reaction to beat up and alienate every progressive movement in Italy.

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Victim of Motor Driver Awarded \$3,500 Damages VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—Mrs. A. Bakken, who claimed \$10,000 damages from J. Gordon Pearson for injuries alleged to have been caused through the negligent manner in which defendant drove his automobile by reason of which plaintiff sustained a broken arm and leg and fractured ribs, will receive \$3,500, following a decision handed down by Justice Morrison, before whom the action was heard. The husband of the plaintiff was awarded \$900 of his claim of \$1,000 by the decision.

Gasoline tax in 34 states, in first half of 1934, amounted to \$27,430,410.

Every other question in Italy today is secondary to control of the militia. Fascist violence has been met, sporadically, with counter violence, and, as a result, in dozens of municipalities up and down the country the elected civic authorities have been suppressed, and Fascist commissaries with despotic powers appointed in their stead.

Public Meetings Suppressed Government is carried on largely by royal decrees which have the force of Acts of Parliament. Suppression of freedom of the press has been followed by suppression of the right of public meeting. A simulacrum of legality is maintained only by the continued existence of Parliament. The new electoral law on which the elections last April were held gives the majority party a membership of two-thirds of the Chamber of Deputies. Fascism won a large majority of votes—due, as its opponents claim, to the widespread intimidation of the black shirt militia—and is secure in the enjoyment of its automatic two-thirds majority in the Chamber.

"Italy today," declared Filippo Turati, leader of the united Socialist party, in a speech here last week, "is divided into two nations of conquerors and conquered, of which one has all the rights, including that of assassination with impunity." This speech was published in some of the Roman papers. Its publication may seem remarkable in view of the insistence of the press law, but the fact is that the Government since the kidnapping and murder of the Socialist Deputy Matteotti in Rome last summer gave its position a shock from which it has never yet recovered, has found it expedient to exercise the right of censorship with a certain discretion.

The Socialists are not alone in their denunciation of the existing Fascist regime. All of the Opposition parties are lined up in abstaining from the present session of Parliament as a protest against it and in view of the impotence of Parliamentary action. This action of what is called the "Aventine Opposition"—from the name of the one of the seven hills of the Eternal City to which the Roman Plebs withdrew in ancient times until their abstinence brought the Senate to terms—has based avowedly upon the ground that constitutional Government is incompatible with the existence of the national militia on its present basis.

The Partito Popolare, the political organization of the progressive Catholics, the Liberals and Democrats of the Left, the Socialists and the Communists—all are abstaining from Parliament.

The excesses of the Fascist militia have antagonized not alone these flatly Opposition parties, but also the army, the big industrialists, the war veterans organized in General Giuseppe Garibaldi's association of Combatants, and even the political parties which, though not Fascist, hitherto have adhered to the Fascist majority bloc.

Russia's Beet Crop Falls MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—Owing to the failure of the beet root crop the Soviet Government has authorized the importation of 300,000,000 pounds of sugar, the bulk of which will be purchased in the United States, Czechoslovakia and England. The Government probably will be obliged also to import a considerable quantity of grain.

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"I am glad to appear on my check not as large, but I appear the warts, and could pick it off like the others."



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To compensate for the increased power of the new transmission set, the towers have been raised an additional 75 feet above the street level, making them the highest structure in Los Angeles.

The dimensions of the new 500-watt transmission panel, which will sit in a separate room, are length, 18 feet; height, 7 feet, and depth, 9 feet. A wire cage will be erected about it. The power, which is furnished by a commercial power circuit, will be changed from A.C. to D.C. by four large water-cooled rectifier tubes, the voltage being increased by a special step-up transformer.

One motor generator and one spare take care of the needs of the present set, but three motor generators and three spares will be installed in the new generator room.

A plate glass partition in the wall will be a feature of the transmission room, so that the general public may see the set in operation. This partition will be 10 feet long and 6 feet high.

The new set handles a much wider band of frequencies, or, in technical language, higher and lower tones, and their finer gradation may be picked up by the public. The vast reservoir of power will allow not only a greater range of audibility, but will insure perfect reception at all times.

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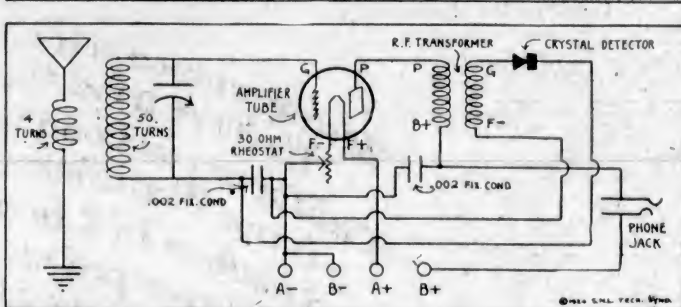
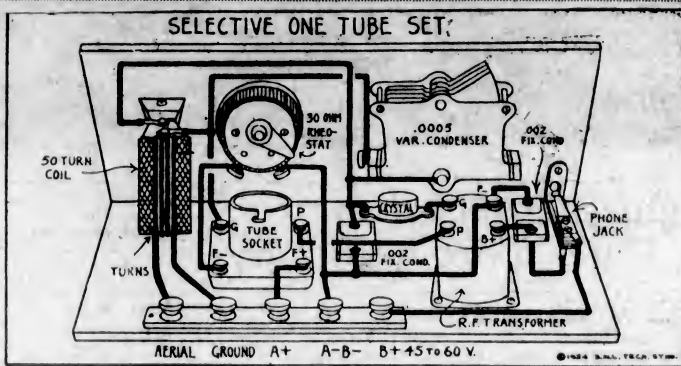
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A Selective One-Tube Set

Easy to Build and Operate



By F. M. RUSSELL
This week a very simple one tube set is shown. It is of combination reflex, regenerative type, but does not use an audio transformer. Material required is all standard and easily purchased. This set is intended for telephone reception and pulls in stations from surprising distances when correctly manipulated. Tuning is as simple as there is one dial and one filament knob only to adjust.

Materials
It is essential that good parts be used and carefully assembled. A vernier condenser and a vernier rheostat are necessary in order to get clear programme without whistle in background. Owing to use of aperiodic aerial input circuit, this set will not cause troublesome radiation interference to neighbors provided that you operate it as described and do not have it in undesired oscillating adjustment.

Operation
Using a good fixed crystal detector or placing an adjustable one in operation, this set is easy to operate. An aerial about 100 feet long will be best. No grid leak or grid condenser is used in this set and a C battery is required as the rheostat used affords sufficient potential drop for use of 201 A type tube. For a 199 type tube, a C battery should be wired in as usual. A WD 15 type tube will give very good results in this circuit. The B battery should have at least 45 volts and up to 60

volts can be used for louder reception. Light tube by turning rheostat up and turn condenser knob until a carrier whistle is heard in phones. Manipulate condenser knob to get this signal loudest and clear it up by manipulation of vernier rheostat control. If you cannot clear it up this way, your crystal is not operating at best point and should be adjusted for loudest response. After getting signal manipulate both vernier controls for maximum response and if you have an adjustable crystal detector manipulate it for final adjustment.

The tuner is merely a simple coupler with an aperiodic primary. It is composed of a 50 turn honeycomb coil around which is wound four turns of No. 20 double cotton covered wire. The two coils should be separated with a small strip of adhesive tape. The primary can be held in place by binding with several pieces of thread or the diamond cut fibre strip itself. The resultant coupler may either be panel or baseboard mounted. It is tuned with the twenty-three plate condenser that is connected across the secondary.

The use of the aperiodic primary in this manner makes this set have exceptional selectivity which when combined with its surprising range results in an outfit that should fill the requirements of anyone satisfied with using the headphones. A loud speaker may be used by adding the customary one or two stage amplifier. The transformers should be of low ratio, about 8 to 1 will do. Copyright, 1914, by the S. N. L. Technical Syndicate.

OFFICE SWAMPED BY PATENTS FOR RADIO
Two Thousand Applications Are Now Recorded at Washington—First One Granted Marconi in 1896

In recognition of the great progress being made in radio, the U. S. Patent Office has created a new division to handle applications for patents on inventions dealing with it. The new division, which is known as the "Radio Energy Division," will be headed by C. D. Backus, who for fourteen years has been in the electrical energy division. Dr. William A. Kinnear, First Assistant Commissioner of Patents, will supervise the new division.

The new radio division has twelve examiners, and is the farthest in arrears of any division in the Patent Office. It is hoped that with the change the Patent Office can catch up on radio inventions.

At the present time there are pending around 2,000 applications for patents on radio apparatus. To date about 2,500 patents have been granted dealing with radio, while in the neighborhood of 10,000 applications have been turned down.

There has been a tremendous increase in applications for radio patents during the last year. At present they are fairly raining into the Patent Office. The first important radio patent was granted to Marconi in 1896.

Mr. Backus, the head of the new radio division, is around fifty-five years of age. He started in with the Patent Office as the lowest grade examiner. He little dreamed when he began to get the odd jobs of looking into the few radio applications that some day it would grow to be one of the biggest jobs in the Patent Office.

When Phones Rattle
If there is a rattle in one of the phones, carefully remove the shell cap and the diaphragm and see that there is no dust or filings between the magnet and the diaphragm. Filings will stick to the magnet sometimes, and, as the diaphragm vibrates, will cause noise.

Fading Signals
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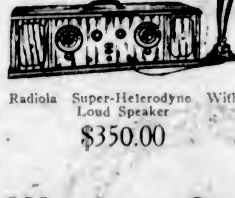
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Radio and the Weather

Important New Theory Proposed By French Scientists About the Connection Between Storms and Radio—"Static" May Prove to Be Important Aid in Predicting the Weather

By E. E. FREE, Ph.D.

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EVER since the earliest days of human history man has been trying to discover in advance what the weather was going to do. In the days of the cave man, the weather was a mystery, and the cave man, who was priest, magician and scientist all rolled into one, used to go through his magical riamorle in order to foresee or to control the rains that made the crops. In modern times the officials of the Weather Bureau read the pressure of the air and the temperature, and similar conditions in order that they may try to guess what tomorrow's weather will be like.

Neither the cave man's magic nor the science of the Weather Bureau have been overly successful. What the weather will be like tomorrow remains a good deal of a gamble. Weather forecasting is still a business where the most essential thing is to be a good guesser.

And all the time, we begin now to suspect, the weather itself has been talking to us and telling us what it was going to do. It has been doing it by radio.

Itself Predicts Weather

In ancient days these radio messages were not even perceived. The radio waves went through a cave man, as they go through us, without any recognized effect on the body. And even after men had radio receivers, that is, since about 1905, the weather signals have been still unnoticed. They have been sent in a secret code, a code that we could not read and did not even suspect of having a meaning.

This code of weather messages is, it now seems probable, nothing else than what the radio fan calls "static."

This suggestion has been made several times in the past two years, but it comes to the fore most definitely as the result of an extensive investigation just completed in France and reported to the French Academy of Sciences by General Gustave Ferrie, Chief of the Radio Service in the French army, and Monsieur Reginald Bureau, one of General Ferrie's scientific aides.

General Ferrie and Monsieur Bureau have been studying the occurrence of static in France. Last February they had already concluded that it had much to do with the passage of storms of rain and snow over the great mountain mass of the Alps. Now they have gone farther and have connected it with the relations between hot and cold air currents in the atmosphere, not only over the Alps, but over the whole of France.

What Static Really Is

If you are a radio fan I do not need to tell you what static is. For the fraction of my readers who are still uninitiated by the radio bug, I may explain that static is the common name for the clicks, crashes, growls, hisses and other indescribable sounds that issue every once in a while from the most perfect and best regulated of radio receivers.

These noises have nothing to do with the man-made part of radio. They come from something that is happening in the ether. Even if no broadcasting station is operating anywhere in the country you will still hear the static.

Static is much worse during the Summer than it is in the Winter; it is worse in the tropics than in temperate regions; it is worse near mountains than on open plains or on the sea. It is probably, at present, the greatest obstacle to the perfection of radio broadcasting, and it is the only important obstacle that stands in the way of reliable telephone service between Europe and the United States.

It is natural that the radio experimenters have sought diligently for the cause of these annoying noises. A few years ago the prominent theory was that they came from the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis. Other investigators ascribed them to vertical electric waves reaching the earth from somewhere off in space. Still others looked for an origin in some magnetic disturbances deep in the earth's interior.

Among the various theories only one has been supported by any considerable body of facts. This is the theory that ascribes static to thunderstorms.

It is certain that a thunderstorm will produce static. You can prove this by listening at your radio receiver when a thunderstorm is visible or audible in your immediate neighborhood. Every flash of lightning is accompanied by a tremendous crash in your telephone. Whatever else we do, we can certainly detect distant thunderstorms by static if we can but learn to distinguish the thunderstorm static definitely from other kinds.

But thunderstorms are not the only kind of weather that interest us. Do other kinds of weather—ordinary rainstorms, hot waves, cold waves, cyclones—send out radio signals, too? Can we detect these signals and read them?

The new French investigations indicate that both these questions are

It has been possible, furthermore, to trace such crashes to origins in distant thunderstorms, storms so far away that they could not be seen or heard. This has been done, especially, by two distinguished British radio experts, Mr. Watson-Watt and Dr. Appleton.

With certain varieties of radio receivers it is possible to determine the direction from which any arriving signal is coming. Two such receivers

probably to be answered in the affirmative.

General Ferrie and M. Bureau encountered, of course, the same thunderstorm static that other investigators have studied. But they went farther. They studied other kinds of static, too. And they have discovered that some of it originates from ordinary storms that have no visible lightning about them at all.

The British experts had two static-observation stations, sometimes three. They "triangulated" a large number of separate crashes and clicks and fixed the exact place on the map of Europe from which these waves had come. Then they wrote to someone living at each of these places, asking whether there had been a thunderstorm there at the instant when the static impulse was received.

In many cases the reply was in the affirmative. Thunderstorms do send out static, and this static may travel, they discovered, over distances at least as great as a thousand miles from the location of the storm. It is probable that a really heavy lightning flash will produce a static impulse audible in sensitive radio receivers clear around the world.

There is a theory for this. Static is produced, say the French scientists, when there is a storm "front" between warm air and cold air. If a current of cold air sweeps down from the Polar regions it creates a great disturbance in the atmosphere.

Where it is driving the warmer air before it there is a "front." That is a point of origin of static.

The atmospheric disturbance creates, somehow, an electric disturbance. In the extreme case this causes lightning and makes an ordinary thunderstorm. But even if no lightning is produced there is enough electric excitement near the front of the cold air to cause plentiful static signals. These the scientists can pick up and recognize.

Another piece of information comes from the United States. Professor Earle M. Terry, of the University of Wisconsin, has been engaged for two years in studying the direction from which static impulses arrive at his receiving station at Madison, Wisconsin. He finds, as Mr. Watson-Watt and Dr. Appleton have found, that much of the static can be traced to known thunderstorms in different parts of the country. That was to be expected.

But he finds, also, that some of the static comes from areas of the daily weather map as areas of

high pressure. Just what this means Professor Terry is not yet willing to say, but it does indicate some correlation between weather conditions and the occurrence of static, the same conclusion, you observe, as emerges from the recently announced investigations in France.

At the present moment that is about all that we can say and be sure that we are right. Static and the weather are related. They are probably closely related.

It is reasonably certain that when we are able to read the clicks and crashes and growls of static for what they really are we will discover them to be a more or less perfect picture of what is happening to the weather all over the world.

A savage who knew no English would get little out of listening to broadcast lectures. If you let him have your receiver he will hear merely a meaningless jumble of sounds. If you change your dials and pick up another station the savage will hear only another jumble. All of it will seem to him quite senseless.

That is our situation now with regard to static. We hear a continual jumble of sound as a background to our man-made radio broadcasting. Out of this jumble we have managed to pick out one sound that we have identified as the voice of a thunderstorm. Many other sounds remain. When we have identified all of them we may be able to interpret the whole orchestra of the weather.

The weather forecasting station of the future is likely to be quite different from the present affairs of thermometers, barographs, "wind gauges" and similar instruments. It may be merely a radio station with some men listening to static, setting down on charts the instantaneous character of the different kinds, comparing notes by telephone with observers making similar records at distant stations.

If we want to know about the weather let us listen to what it itself is trying to say.

LONG DAYS PASS QUICKLY IN YUKON

Introduction of Radio Is the Reason—Broadcasting Stations in Australia Heard There

Residents of Dawson, Yukon Territory and Alaska, find the long polar days less dreary when radio programmes are received.

H. G. Blackman, acting sheriff of Yukon Territory, has written KGO that he hears programs even during daylight. He says that it is very encouraging to Dawson radio fans who are looking forward to the time when they will be able to hear radio programmes night and day throughout the year.

"We have continuous daylight here now," wrote Blackman in a recent letter. "It is light enough indoors to read a newspaper without artificial light. You cannot imagine what these programmes mean to us here with none of the amusements available as in the outside world."

According to Mr. Blackman's letter, reception of KGO special broadcasts for people in Australasia and the South Sea Islands are all heard particularly well in Dawson.

Los Angeles Boasts of Many Noted Orchestras

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Southern California, noted for its pleasure haunts, has probably more famous dance orchestras playing regular broadcasting engagements than any other section of the country.

Los Angeles claims a number of other masterpieces of orchestration.

Art Hickman's Baltimore Hotel orchestra, Abe Lyman's Coconut Grove orchestra from the Ambassador, Herb Widoft and his Cinderella Roof orchestra, Art Lantry and his band, Paul Hines's band, Carl Allen's Heavens orchestra, Glen Oswald's orchestra and the Montmartre Cafe orchestra are the most prominent.

How to Solder Aluminum

To solder aluminum, melt the solder and while molten scratch the surface beneath it with a wire brush. The oxide thus will be broken down so the solder will stick when it cools.

Because of the absence of gesture and motion the ordinary play is ineffective when radioed. Whitman and Vincent believe that what characteristic sounds taken into consideration in the preparation of the sketch this drawback would be overcome.

In the first trial of the new idea, "The Fall of the Bastille" was handled in a novel way. The historical side of the story is well known.

Whitman and Vincent believe that the new art will open almost limitless possibilities in broadcasting plays.

Radio Station Opens at Belfast

LONDON, Eng.—According to reports from the British Broadcasting Company, the new station at Belfast (Ireland) is now in operation, with the call letters BBE, working on 435 metres. A group of professors of Belfast University have already drawn up an interesting programme of lectures on popular science which will be broadcast from this station.

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DENMARK AT LAST REACHES AMERICA

Eleventh Foreign Country to Communicate With This Continent by Amateur Radio

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 20.—While broadcast listeners have been busily engaged in listening for European stations, the original DX men—amateur radio telegraph operators—have been just as intent in their efforts to communicate with foreign amateurs. Having been the first to show an interest in international radio, they continue to make and break records with unflagging enthusiasm.

Unlike the listening fans who turn their dials in the hope of getting a fragment now and then from a far-away musical programme, the amateurs go out for what they think is bigger game—personal communication through the medium of the international Morse code. There is no test period for them as there are now so many foreign operators that they can be picked up every night. The American Radio Relay League is receiving reports of this nature constantly.

For example, the other night D. C. S. Comstock, an amateur radio operator of East Hartford, was tuning in on his set and he heard a strange call which he identified as a Danish station, the first to communicate with this country. Comstock received a message for the A. R. R. L. as follows: "Greetings from the first Danish amateur across." Hiram Percy Maxim, president of the A. R. R. L., replied through Mr. Comstock with this message: "Sincere congratulations. Hope that we communicate often."

With the addition of Denmark, there are eleven foreign countries whose amateurs have communicated with operators in North America. In many cases of those countries the development of amateur radio has been inspired by the work of the United States and Canadian Ham's. The list is as follows: England, France, Italy, Holland, Scotland, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Argentina and Chile.

Amplify Story by Combinations of Sounds and Words at London Tryouts

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Interesting experiments in combining speaking parts and characteristic noises and sounds into "sound plays" to be radioed are being conducted here.

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"Say it with Flowers"

Flowers in the Decorative Scheme

By EDWARD A. WHITE
Professor of Floriculture, Cornell University

"If the purpose of all decorations is to add interest—and I am inclined to think it is—then the use of flowers on varying occasions must be considered with common sense as well as a lively imagination so that they do actually add to, and not detract from, the effectiveness of the whole. The dining table, for example, must never be oppressively laden with bloom so that host and guest perform play peek-a-boo about the vases; nor should an audience in drawing-room or concert hall be required to peering around palms or craning over flowering plants to get a view of the performer. Decoratively used on a large scale, plants create a setting, and in less pretentious households service introduce desirable color, sometimes harmonizing, sometimes contrasting—a bowl of margolds may epitomize the spirit of a room, or a pink rose throw a startling flash of cherry-red across the quietness of French gray walls.

Flowers have long been used in design by pen and ink artists, or those working with crayons, aquatint, or oil; yet few artists working with flowers have realized that there are definite rules for making their designs interesting. They have worked in a haphazard manner. On analysis of his work, however, the successful decorator will doubtless find that he has unconsciously been observing the principles that underlie all genuinely good creative expression whatever the medium chosen.

In arranging flowers these three considerations are to be kept steadily in mind: (1) definite conditions imposed by the material itself; (2) particular object for which arranged; (3) environment. Each arrangement then becomes a creative composition worthily ranking with other less transient types of design.

The Three Governing Factors. In flower decoration, as in the creation of any design, we use the mind, the eye, and the hand. First the mind conceives the idea, then the hand makes a picture of the idea with the aid of the eye. One learns largely by doing, not by dictation; thus only the principles can be reduced to words, leaving the reader to develop the practice, with the assurance that continued practice makes perfection.

Definite conditions are imposed by the varied materials used, the particular object for which it is to be arranged, and the environment it is to occupy; and the decorator must aim to create a composition which is beyond criticism as to design. Batchelder ("Principles of Design") says: "Pure design gives definition to fundamental principles and employs as a means to an end, abstract spots in ink"—in flower arrangement one uses "spots" of flowering and foliage materials; "a spot of paint may be described in three words: it is a tone, a measure, a shape." This description applies equally well to any flower arrangement which may be used in an arrangement. Tone means value (light or dark) or the color as (red, green, blue). Measure means size (as long, short, large, small). Shape means contour or bounding line (as straight, curved, square, round). Pure design is the composition of tones, measures, shapes, for the sake of rhythm, balance, harmony, the principles of order and beauty.

"Rhythm means joint action, or movement, consistent with the connection of parts that enables the eye to find a way through all the details of design.

"Balance means repose that results from the oppositions of attraction. "Harmony means the consistency of likenesses, having something in common; a unity, all the terms of which are in interior accord."

Let us now consider these relationships as applied to floral arrangements.

In flower arrangement tone rhythm refers more particularly to the selection of colors for various compositions or the values which exist between the background and the composition, and is gained by so considering the selection of colors, and so placing them in the composition that there will be no jarring contrast. The colors are selected that are closely related in the spectrum scale, and so placed that there will be no marked variation or conspicuous spots in the composition.

Tone rhythm may also be gained by gradations in values between the background and the material used in the composition.

Value refers to gradations in tone from white to black. If black and white are mixed, the result will be a neutral tone, gray. A gradual gradation or movement from the high lights of the background through the intermediate values of the upper part of the composition to the deeper at the base, result in tone rhythm.

Tone balance is the result of a selection and arrangement of contrasts in such a way that each part of a design may keep its proper place without being unduly emphasized at the expense of other parts, or the even distribution of two tones so that neither shall assert itself at the expense of the other.

In placing the darker flowers among the lighter in decorative arrangement, the composition often lacks pleasing characters because of its apparent lack of stability. Balance means repose, and this is obtained by so placing the darker material near the centre, or by so distributing it as a basal element that there is a stability in the composition.

Tone harmony occurs when tones sharing some common quality are used; or lacking this, the differences may be reconciled by varying the quantity of the tones used.

As a rule, the less pronounced the difference of tones used the better will be the harmony of the tone. Thus if Hadley Roses are placed near the centre or at the base of a vase

arrangement and Ophelias are above, the eye will naturally be attracted to the particular area of the Hadleys, and there will be little interest in the Ophelias. On the other hand, if Ophelias are used above and Killarneys below, the better will be the tone harmony. Harmony was defined as "having something in common." Better tone harmony can be obtained by using flowers of varied colors of the same species than by using those of different species. Variations in form and texture always vary the difference in tones, and when the species in a composition are too varied, tone harmony is lacking.

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The Christmas Flower; Its Why and Wherefore

Some History of the Advent of Flowers Into Important Events of Our Seasons—The Chrysanthemum and Some of Its Varieties Displayed in Local Stores—The Care and Growth of the Plants—Local Florists Will Make Specialty of Them

THE association between flowers and seasons is of very ancient origin. Indeed, it would be hard to place the date when certain plants were used first to celebrate important festive dates. From the earliest records the festive season around Christmas and the New Year, even in the Druidical times, was associated with mistletoe, which has since become the symbol of the season. The connection of holly with Christmas dates back to the dim past. The Pasque flower (anemone) and lily have been similarly associated with the season.

In modern times the flower most used around Christmas has been the chrysanthemum. This large genus, consisting now of thousands of different varieties, was originally a native of China, introduced into Europe and grown at Kew, London, in 1790. This was crossed with varieties from Japan, and their progeny made the mistletoe of blossoms which now deck the festive boards around Christmas and the New Year. What flower with its variety of colors could be more fitted to bring the glorious colors of Midsummer into the gloom of December days than this? Few other plants could be induced to stand the rigor of the Winter and put forth the blossoms, even by artificial means.

Among the different varieties which are being displayed by local florists at this time may be seen several well-known kinds, which are abundantly grown in the greenhouses in and around Victoria, including the Major Bonaffon, a beautiful incurved, intense gold; Marigold, another glorious incurved yellow; Roman Gold; December Beauty, a pure, glistering white; Doctor Enguehard, a fine, bright rose; Maud Dean, a fastidiously white and pink; and endless other varieties of the large single flower, which show the skill of the gardeners and which bring joy to many hearts.

Small Varieties. Amongst the smaller varieties one may notice some anemone types: Coed, a soft shade of pink; Maple Leaf, mimic of the colors of its namesake, Canada's national emblem; Cheviot, a fine harmonizing of red and yellow; and, perhaps the most beautiful of them all, the Bell, a pure, snow white.

The growing of these wonderful flowers is probably little known to many readers who receive the gift and are thankful without knowing the processes by which they are produced. A visit to one of the numerous nurseries around Victoria elicits some information which shows the care that has to be taken to assure them being ready for the Christmas buyers.

From the old plant cuttings are made early in April or May, according to the variety, and these are carefully rooted, transferred to small pots and kept in the greenhouse at a cool temperature for four to six weeks. From the greenhouse they are taken out of their pots and planted outside until room can be made for them in the beds of the hothouse. Careful watching is necessary throughout these stages in the development of the plant, and towards the end of July or August they are taken and planted into the place in the hothouse which they will occupy until picked.

Need Constant Attention

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Plays and Players

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"CHU CHIN CHOW" hailed as one of the most gorgeous spectacles yet seen in pictures, released in Canada by Regal Films, Limited, is a screen version of the Ovar Arche and Frederic Norton stage success that ran five years in London and three years in New York, and will play at the Dominion Theatre all this week, starting tomorrow. It was produced and directed by Herbert Wilcox. Betty Blythe is a featured player in the role of Zahrah, the desert dancer. "Chu Chin Chow" has everything to make it a sensational success with Canadian audiences; heart interest combined with spectacular appeal, unexcelled beauty, and a title which is famous wherever people go to amusements. "Chu Chin Chow" was entirely filmed abroad, and to carry out the Oriental atmosphere in the story a shipload of dromedaries was imported from Persia, with Arabian horses, elephants, lions, yaks, and water buffaloes brought from other parts of the world.

Ten thousand people are in the cast, which has Herbert Langley appearing opposite Betty Blythe in the role of Abou Hassan. Eva Moore, Handle Ayrton, Jameson Thomas, Judd Green, Jeff Barlow, Olaf Hytten, Dora Lewis, and the dancer, Dacia, are others who appear in prominent roles.

The settings of "Chu Chin Chow" are among the most elaborate built for any motion picture. Ancient Baghdad, where the story is laid, was completely built for the production. One set alone, representing the great South Gate, is as large as St. Paul's Cathedral in London. All Baba's cave is one of the remarkable sets of the big film. To give the scenes authentic realism, a fortune in actual jewels was borrowed for use in "Chu Chin Chow."

It is an actual fact that crown jewels of the ill-fated Czar of Russia and of the ex-Kaiser were obtained by Herbert Wilcox for the film. The Russian jewels had been sold in Berlin by the Soviet Mission to German collectors, who, foreseeing the collapse of the mark, put their wealth into these precious jewels of permanent value. The ex-Kaiser's jewels are the property of the German State, and are lodged in museums. These institutions are almost penniless and were glad to hire out their treasures to the Wilcox company. This was true also of the collectors in possession of Russian jewels. The insurance was heavy, but the collection seen in All Baba's cave in "Chu Chin Chow" has never been equalled on the screen.

"Chu Chin Chow" was photographed by René Guisard, who is now abroad with the Fred Niblo unit producing "Ben Hur" in Rome for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

In London at His Majesty's Theatre "Chu Chin Chow" had the longest run, over five years, of any theatrical production before or since. Produced in America by Morris Gest and Ray Comstock, the spectacle had an unprecedented run, first at the Century Theatre, and later at the Manhattan Opera House. Herbert Wilcox wrote the screen version.

Ovar Arche based the story of "Chu Chin Chow" on the legend of All Baba and the Forty Thieves. The story centres around the love of Omar and Zahrah, the slave girl, portrayed by Betty Blythe, and the deceptions and intrigues of Abou Hassan, a bandit, who in the guise of Chu Chin Chow lives a Robin Hood sort of existence. Hassan kidnaps Zahrah and her lover, and uses the girl as a

confederate to carry out his schemes. From this is developed a thrilling adventure story, staged with all the exotic beauty of the ancient East.

LOVE AND GLORY AT THE COLISEUM

All-Star Cast Appears in Film Which Shows Many French Celebrities—Many Remarkable Scenes

President Poincaré, Georges Clemenceau, Joffre, Petain and dozens of other French celebrities, as well as ambassadors from foreign lands, all exact duplicates of the originals, made up the highest-priced crowd of "atmosphere" since "The Stranger's Banquet" when, at Universal City, Rupert Julian filmed the presentation of Legion of Honor crosses to French heroes.

Well known picture players, chosen for their general likenesses to the celebrities to be portrayed, and made up from photographs, did the work of "extras" for most of the celebrities in the gathering were but "at-



EARL WILLIAMS AND JANE NOVAK in a Scene From "Jealous Husbands," the Attraction at the Columbia Theatre for Three Days Commencing Tomorrow

mosphere." Still, because of the need for exact makeup and careful acting, ordinary extra people could not be employed.

The remarkable scene was taken in "Love and Glory," and featuring an all star cast including Charles De Roche, Madge Bellamy, Ford Sterling, Wallace MacDonald, Gibson Gowland, Charles De Ravenne and Priscilla Dean Moran. The picture comes to the Coliseum Theatre tomorrow for a week's run.

In the scene in the Salon of Honor, at which heroes of various wars are presented with medals of honor, Jules De Briac enacted the part of Poincaré. Almost the French President's duplicate physically, a carefully applied beard and facial lines made him the living image of the man imitated. Kate Lester appeared as the duchess who aided him in distributing the honors.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen
Capital—Virginia Valli, in "In Every Woman's Life."
Coliseum—"Love and Glory," starring Charles de Roche and Madge Bellamy.
Columbia—"Jealous Husbands," featuring Earle Williams.
Dominion—Betty Blythe in "Chu Chin Chow."
Playhouse—Henry Edwards in "In the Shadows of Whitechapel."

Patch with a barrelful of brand new jokes and songs befitting his role. Other favorites who will be seen are Peggy Lewis, Dorothy Sehl, Helen Starr, Auntie Cummings, Will Marshall, Bob Webb and Geo. Bryden, to say nothing of the Dog, the Cat and the Bear. The opening night is set for Friday, December 26.

Incident Closed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The communique issued by the Tokio foreign office yesterday, denying that Premier Kato had announced rejection of an offer to have the American fleet visit Japan after the manoeuvres in the Pacific next summer, has finally closed the incident.

NOTED PLAYERS IN CAPITOL DRAMA

Virginia Valli and Stuart Holmes in Cast of "In Every Woman's Life" This Week

The cast that is playing in the production of "In Every Woman's Life," the First National picture to be shown at the Capitol Theatre this week, is notable one from the standpoint of the movie fan.

Virginia Valli plays the leading feminine role. Her engagement for this important part was made possible through the courtesy of Universal, with which organization she is under a long-term contract. She was selected by M. G. Levee because of her exceptional dramatic ability, which is the first requirement, and for her perfect pose and natural manner that have endeared her to thousands of motion picture fans as the second.

Playing the three outstanding male

roles are Marc McDermott, Stuart Holmes and Lloyd Hughes.

Marc McDermott is one of the pioneers of the motion pictures. He will be remembered for his characterization in "White New York Streets," as well as in the more recent productions of "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," with Mary Pickford, and "The Sea Hawk."

Stuart Holmes plays the difficult part of an American sportsman—a sportsman in everything except affairs of the heart. He will be remembered for his work in many of the most successful pictures, including "The Four Horsemen," "Ten of the D'Arville," "The Prisoner of Zenda," and "Under the Flag."

Lloyd Hughes is one of the most popular juveniles of today. He made many successful pictures under his contract with Thomas H. Ince, including "Below the Surface," and "Dangerous Hours." With First National he played in "The Huntress," and has just completed an important part in "The Lost World," part of which he made at the same time as "In Every Woman's Life."

Other members of the cast include George Fawcett, the veteran actor of the stage and screen; Vera Lewis and Ralph Lewis, who have appeared separately in numerous successful productions, and John Sainpolis.

Irving Cummings, who directed this production, first achieved fame as an actor. Since he has turned to directing he has made many noteworthy pictures, including "Fool's Highway," "Pleasure and Blood" and "The Rose of Paris."

The story has to do with the three men who figure at one time or another in every woman's life. They are the man she could have married, the man she married and the man she should have married. When these three meet at one time in a high stratum of society, the developments are intensely dramatic. "In Every Woman's Life" was adapted by Albert Shelby LeVine from the novel by Olive Wadley.

BEAUTY AND BEAST PANTOMIME AT THE ROYAL VICTORIA

It is true that however practical and workaday our lives may be, yet at Christmas our thoughts turn to our dearest childhood memories and such fanciful things as Christmas trees, carols and fairy tales reign supreme. There is one important Yuletide festivity which Victoria almost invariably delights in and that is the annual Christmas pantomime where fairyland steps forth upon the stage and for a brief spell at least drives the more prosaic side of our nature into the background. This year Reginald Hincks announces that the particular story which will be portrayed will be that old favorite, "Beauty and the Beast," which is probably one of the most popular of all Hans Andersen's many and wonderful fairy tales. To say precedent in the matter of pantomimes there must be a dame introduced, and this time it is to be Belle

ENGLISH FILM IS BIG MELODRAMA

"In the Shadows of Whitechapel," to Be Presented at Playhouse, Has Old Country Background

Who amongst us that did not sit in the gallery and enjoy the thrills of the melo-dramatic successes of other years? How we liked the villain, cheered the hero and loved the heroine, how we laughed and roared at the antics of the comedian, the realistic fire, train wrecks, horse races and stirring rescues! Shall we ever forget them? Impossible. The old traditions of entertainment must be kept intact and with this end in view and with the facilities for visualizing the big punch scenes on their actual location is a real and true manner, Hepworth Films, of London, have produced "In the Shadows of Whitechapel." Conceded to be the biggest of England's big melodramas, London and the provinces have taken it to their hearts and practically overnight this sensational motion picture production

has attained a smashing success. The English press, without a dissenting voice, have endorsed and actually labelled this the biggest of England's big melodramas. The musical settings are a joy to hear. Old familiar music-hall melodies made famous by the headliners of the variety of the Old Country are heard again for the first time in many years. A vivid picture of the slums with their joys and sorrows, love and laughter, their quaint mannerisms and quaint "lingo," which is presented in a true story of life in London. "In the Shadows of Whitechapel" will be shown at the Playhouse Theatre all this week.

CINDERELLA TO BE THE PANTOMIME AT PLAYHOUSE THEATRE

"Cinderella" is to be the New Year's attraction at the Playhouse Theatre, week commencing December 29. This will be a full version of the popular pantomime and should be very popular with Victoria theatregoers.

By eliminating the intervals it allows the Playhouse to show the big

feature production, "The Meanest Man in the World." The entire programme will take two hours and a half, and is the best ever offered by the Playhouse.

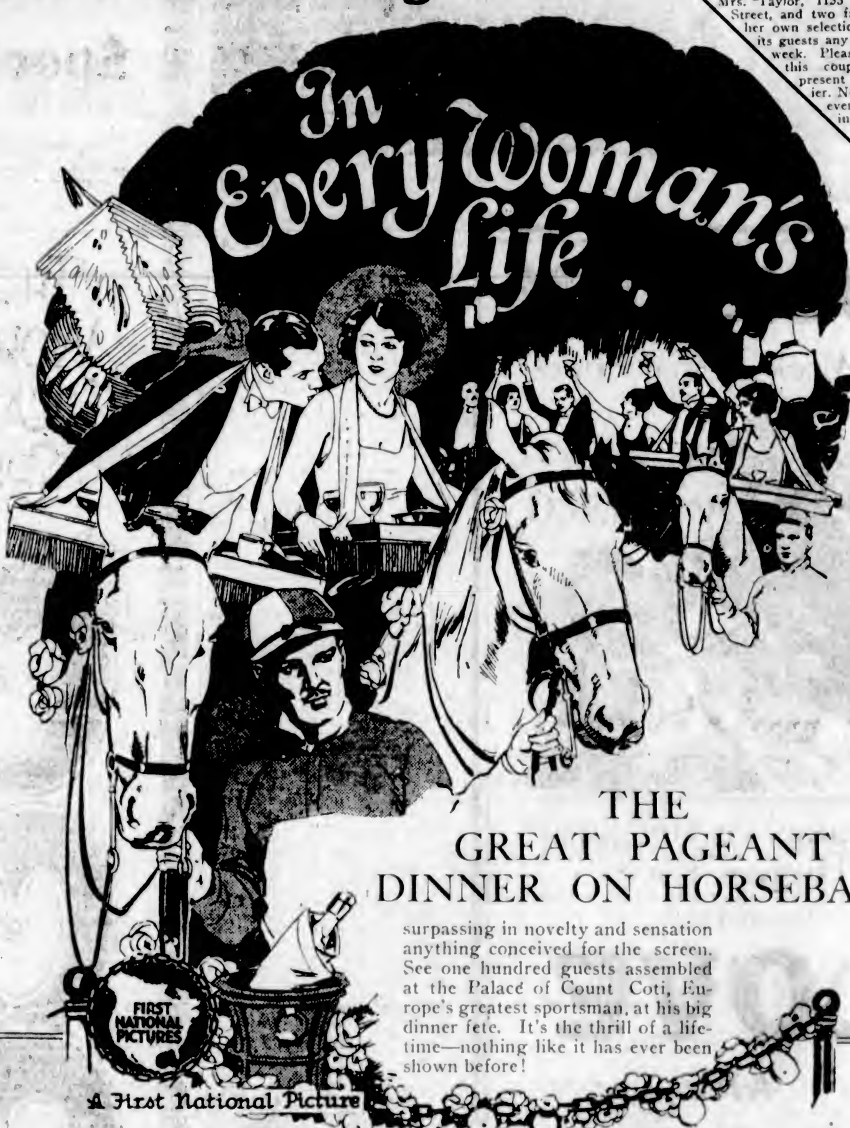
Mr. J. H. Evans, who is producing "Cinderella," has had twenty years' experience in England staging pantomimes, and is sure that he will outdo himself in this massive production.

Reserved section of the house is now on sale.

HOLD TURKEY SHOOT

COURTENAY, Dec. 19.—The turkey shoot completed for by the local sportsmen at the shoot held in the gravel pit here on Wednesday afternoon were a fine lot of birds, raised on the Williams ranch, at Dove Creek. Fifty cents per shot at the target was the charge, and the winner of each round of shooting secured the turkey. The prize birds were well distributed amongst the competing marksmen. Mr. John Sutton secured two turkeys, Mr. J. Day, two; Mr. E. Curran, one; Fanny Day, two; Mr. Len Pickett, one; Mr. W. A. Urquhart, one; Mr. Tippet, one, and Mr. McQuinn, one. Although it was cold awaiting one's turn to shoot, some fine marksmanship was displayed.

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JEALOUS HUSBAND COMES TO COLUMBIA

Noted Director Proves Contentious
Jealousy No Sign of Love in His
Latest Dramatic Production

Is jealousy an evidence of love? Maurice Tourneur, the noted director, says "No!" and says it emphatically. And he proves his point in his latest production, "Jealous Husbands," a First National picture produced by M. C. Levee, which is coming tomorrow to the Columbia Theatre.

"Jealousy is destructive; it tears down all that love has built up—faith, sympathy, understanding, kindness—all the finer things that love awakens," says Mr. Tourneur. The picture tells the tale of Ramon Martinez' jealousy as it runs its course. It finds its inception in the smoking room of a steamship returning from the Orient—a roomful of leering men, sneering at all virtue. Martinez, writing a telegram to his wife, telling her of his unexpected return, has his attention arrested by the tales. The evil seed is planted. He tears up his message.

Arrived home, he finds his wife, Helen, absent. She has gone to a meeting with his sister's lover, to save his sister's honor. But the sister lies in explaining Helen's absence and she lies to protect the sister. And he finds them out. But Carmen, the sister, has gone to sea. The weed of jealousy, planted in the dank atmosphere of the smoking-room, has overrun the garden of his love. When he finds an unaddressed letter which Carmen had given her, in Helen's purse, declaring "your son is mine," the climax comes. He gives his boy to a band of crooks.

Of course the boy is recovered and Helen is vindicated, but for five years the seed of evil sown in the smoking-room holds sway, creating misery and heartache.

Will Play Here Next Month



MISS MARY IZARD

MISS MARY IZARD TO RETURN FOR RECITAL

Miss Mary Izard, formerly of Victoria, but who has been living in Montreal since her marriage, three years ago, is coming out to Victoria early in January to take part in a joint recital with Mrs. Gertrude Stanley Green, on January 15, at the Royal Victoria. Miss Izard has been appearing in Montreal, one of her most recent recitals being with Miss Germaine Malepart, a Montreal pianist. The Montreal Star, referring to the event, said in part:

"Music seems to be so much under a cloud in Montreal this season that it is a real pleasure to record a concert that was entirely successful in respect of both music and the audience. This was the concert given on Tuesday evening at the Ritz-Carlton by Miss Mary Izard and Miss Germaine Malepart. Their merits as violinist and pianist were well-known but they had not been heard together before the public, and it would be hard to find anything much better than their work in duets. This appeared very clearly in the two first numbers on the programme, a Mozart sonata in A and a chaconne by Vivaldi, with a most interesting piano part by Charlier. Both of these were splendidly played and Beethoven's sonata, Opus 12, which came later in the programme, was only little less effective."

Miss Malepart played exceedingly well in Schumann's "Carnival," a good thing which is too seldom heard and made a most interesting performance of it—none the less so because her reading of it was rather unusual; she made it more romantic and less gay than a carnival is generally supposed to be. Before the Beethoven, Miss Izard played Debussy's "En bateau" and a fresh little Oriental Serenade by Palmgren. After the Beethoven Miss Malepart played an attractive Nocturne by Faure, and the rest of the concert was made up of admirable playing of comparatively trivial things.

MR. TOM ORRIS
One of the ten artists who will perform on Tuesday night at the Community Temple.

Home-Brewer Fined \$50 For Neglecting to Report Liquor to Control Board

EDMONDS, B.C., Dec. 20.—A verdict of guilty was returned by Magistrate J. Stuart Jamieson in the Burnaby home-brewed beer case against Thomas Marrat, of Marlborough Avenue, and he was fined \$50. He was charged with failing to report to the Liquor Control Board that he had in his possession 252 bottles of home-brewed beer. Marrat also had 75 bottles of home-made wine, but the magistrate held the law allowed the making of wine or cider from home-grown fruit without it being necessary to report possession. But in the case of the beer containing more than one per cent of alcohol, the magistrate has now ruled that it is necessary to report possession to the Liquor Control Board, even though the maker possesses a Federal permit to manufacture home-brew.

TREE CRASHES ONTO BUS, KILLING FIVE

TIMBER FALLS ACROSS HIGH-
WAY NEAR CHEHALIS

Truck Driver Stops, But Chauffeur
Fails to See the Danger and
Catastrophe Follows

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—Five persons were almost instantly killed and two others seriously hurt when a tree fell across a Merion to Chehalis bus twenty-two miles east of Chehalis today.

The dead are: Dan Shuler, an unidentified seven-year-old boy, — Chapman, W. M. Kiser and Buck Belcher.

The injured are: Mrs. Osborne, Centralia; Ray Belcher, brother of one of the killed.

Two others, unnamed.

The bus was driven by W. V. Collier, of Chehalis, and owned by Walter Malushi. Two others were in the car, but were unhurt. A truck was ahead of the bus. The driver saw the tree falling, according to reports here, and stopped his vehicle. The bus passed him, the driver failing to see the tree until he was under it.

The tree struck the rear of the bus, crashed through it and pinned the dead and injured beneath the wreckage. Those who were unhurt were in the front of the bus.

Not only is the big station of Rome (IDC) now working on 100 or 120 meter waves, but two other amateurs, IHT, and IMT, have entered the lists, and are reported with great intensity.

CERTIFICATES GIVEN SUCCESSFUL PUPILS

The Victoria School of Natural Expression was the scene of an interesting Christmas "at home" on Saturday afternoon. The principal reason of the presentation of certificates by Dr. Hodgson to successful pupils of Miss Clare Powell during the past term.

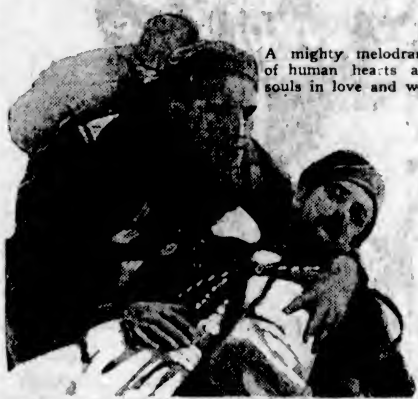
In spite of the fact that the cold weather had prevented many of the country pupils coming in, the crowded audience fully appreciated the excellent programme put on by the pupils. The afternoon included a three-act play, "The Queen of Hearts," which was thoroughly amusing; the King, Knave and Cook doing their parts enthusiastically, and the Queen and Kitchenmaid doing very well at short notice. The appropriate and very pretty music was arranged by Miss

Powell, as well as original verses. A couple of other plays, prettily acted by the younger children, were also well received; and piano solos, songs, recitations and dances rounded out the enjoyable afternoon. Dr. Hodgson spoke very encouragingly to the young students, hoping they would not lightly give up or flag in the excellent start and progress they appeared to be making. Mrs. Hodgson was also present, besides the parents and friends of the pupils.

Mrs. T. Bowley-Turner assisted Miss Powell in entertaining. Those taking part in the programme were: Miss Vera Cassan, whose vivacious recitations were much appreciated; Miss Mary Pease, whose pretty voice was heard to advantage in two songs; the Misses Catherine Craig, Margaret Griffiths, Jeanne Gruss, Kathleen Moon, Patricia Petheridge, Margaret Taylor, Dorothy Thompson; Masters Mervyn Carehill and Garth Griffiths.

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Riddles and Their Ancient Origin

By C. L. ROBERTS

Riddles in one form or another, such as charades, conundrums, anagrams, or other varieties of word puzzles, have formed favorite means of mental diversion and exercise from the earliest times of which knowledge exists. The favored form at the present time is to be seen in the crossword puzzles appearing in the newspapers, both of this continent and of England, as well as Europe generally. The crossword puzzle cannot truthfully be considered as demanding a very acute or nimble understanding, but rather as fulfilling a demand for quantity, regardless of quality.

The word "riddle" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon verb "readan," to

read or interpret; and the primitive form of riddle is the most ancient form of humor which is still extant. The ability to compose a riddle denotes a considerable degree of mental culture, though not necessarily in a direction such as ability to read and write; and it is a mistake arising out of our somewhat overweening self-esteem which leads us to consider the smattering of education we have succeeded in spreading—one might almost say smearing—over ourselves as being either the first or the highest form of culture. A master mechanic invented the printing press; other mechanics improved it, until now there are pages of printed matter enough and to spare for all of us, and we all read. But because of this it may be unwise to allow ourselves to become so bombastic as to believe ourselves the first cultured people who have occupied the world; we have a smattering of the knowledge of a vast variety of subjects, more or less useful, or more or less useless, whichever way one chooses to put it. Solomon said, "Of making many books there is no end," and if ever in his wisdom he dreamed of a writing of which he should make them so plentiful as they are now become, we have no record of it.

Solomon's Contest

Solomon, however, was great both at propounding and solving riddles, and he reported to have engaged in a competition of these lines with his friend and ally Hiram, King of Tyre. As a result of this match he won great sums in money and jewels and land. Hiram, however, discovered an expert puzzler in the person of one of his courtiers, named Abdon, and this gentleman so successfully turned the scale in favor of his royal master that immense treasures, as well as many choice parcels of real estate, were transferred from Israel to Tyre.

As soon as man perceived there were such things as analogies in nature, just as soon he commenced to make riddles. One of the earliest riddles of which we have knowledge compares a man to an animal which goes on four legs in the morning, two at mid-day, and three in the evening, the allusion, of course, being the child on all fours, the man walking erect in his prime, and the old man with a stick in his declining years. This was the riddle propounded to the Thebanes by the Sphinx. The Sphinx, by the way, was a monster sent into the world by Hera—or Juno—the wife of Zeus

—or Jupiter—according to Greek—or Roman—mythology, for the express purpose of asking this apparently foolish question. The Egyptian Sphinx is a colossal statue of this mythical creature carved out of rock, which was a terrible blow to learning. Thousands of scientific books were accumulated in the library at Alexandria when, in A.D. 415, the head of the mathematical school, Hypatia, was murdered by the Christian bigots of that day, and the greater part destroyed. The school moved to Athens, but in A.D. 529 the Emperor Justinian decreed that heathen learning should no longer be studied, and thenceforward for many years mathematical enigmas gave place to the puzzle riddles of the Middle Ages. What the early Christians left of the Alexandrian library was referred to the Caliph Omar, whose attitude towards learning in general may be well illustrated by the decision he came to, that "if the books contain what is agreeable with the book of God, the book of God is sufficient without them; and if they contain what is contrary to the book of God, there is no need for them, so I order their destruction."

Tendency to Decline

Every people on their emergence from the purely savage state appear to compose riddles. The South African Basuto asks, "What is wingless yet flies fast; legless and cannot be imprisoned?" The answer, being the human voice, also, "What flies forever and never rests?" "The wind." But when that advance in education, consisting of the ability to read, arrives, then the riddle proper shows an immediate tendency to decline, and in its place we have conundrums and charades, depending upon the written word and taking the form of puns in an interrogative form.

The Bible has many references to riddles, and as we have learned from accounts of Solomon's day, the solution of them was reckoned proof of great sagacity. According to some translations, God uses the words, "Mouth to mouth speak I to him, plainly and not in riddles," when Aaron and Miriam are being rebuked for their grumbings against Moses. Also, when the Psalmist tests out the early history of Israel, he says, as a preface, "I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter riddles from the olden time," and his words were again referred to in the Gospel: "All these things spake Jesus in parables to the multitude, that the word might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying: 'I will open my mouth.'"

It seems, however, probable that the so-called riddles of these olden times took in many cases the form of mathematical puzzles or problems, and the Greek words standing for enigmas and problems may be translated more or less indifferently. Any puzzling question was liable to be called a riddle, and this regardless of whether its correct solution involved calculation or was merely a matter of guesswork. The Phoenicians, as we know, were the great merchant-adventurers of that day, and the necessity for keeping accurate accounts of their ventures doubtless tended to development of mathematical science, and the enormous growth in the volume of merchant shipping which was made under a sort of partnership between Solomon and Hiram probably was the indirect cause of great increase in general knowledge in this as well as in other directions. About four hundred years later, to the Phoenicians, who, although generally considered a Greek, was born of Phoenician parents, flourished, a great moral philosopher as well as mathematician. Among other scientific achievements, Pythagoras is credited with being the first to enunciate the problem known as number forty-seven in Euclid's first book.

Mathematical Riddle

A great number of the old mathematicians were in the habit of putting forward their problems as riddles; a good illustration is that of a Hindu, who, however, lived about six hundred years after Christ. This man, named Brahmagupta, asked the following: "An ape and a bird both lived at the top of a perpendicular cliff 10' high, and there was a village distant from the base of the cliff 'x' times the height of the cliff. The ape went down the cliff and walked to the village. The bird flew straight upwards and then diagonally downward to the village. Both traveled exactly the same distance. How high above the cliff did the bird fly?" A correct solution which is 11 multiplied by x, divided by x added to 2, involves considerable mathematical knowledge. The Hindu gave 11 as one hundred, and x as two.

Similarly to the alchemists who carried out endless experiments, encouraged thereto by the hope of transmuting lead into gold, so the mathematicians, with their experiments and inventions in magic numbers and squares, stumbled upon many great mathematical discoveries.

les. The loss to the world of almost all the old writings which would give us accurate knowledge of these old mathematical enigmas or riddles has been a terrible blow to learning. Thousands of scientific books were accumulated in the library at Alexandria when, in A.D. 415, the head of the mathematical school, Hypatia, was murdered by the Christian bigots of that day, and the greater part destroyed. The school moved to Athens, but in A.D. 529 the Emperor Justinian decreed that heathen learning should no longer be studied, and thenceforward for many years mathematical enigmas gave place to the puzzle riddles of the Middle Ages. What the early Christians left of the Alexandrian library was referred to the Caliph Omar, whose attitude towards learning in general may be well illustrated by the decision he came to, that "if the books contain what is agreeable with the book of God, the book of God is sufficient without them; and if they contain what is contrary to the book of God, there is no need for them, so I order their destruction."

Eighteenth Century Fashion
In the eighteenth century riddles in poetic form became the fashion, and of these there are some that reach a very high place as artistic and poetical achievements. One of the most widely known is Miss Fanny's upon the letter H, commencing:
"Twas whispered in heaven, 'twas muttered in hell,
And who caught faintly the sound
As it fell;
On the confusion of earth 'twas permitted to rest;
And the depths of the ocean its presence confessed.
'Twas given to man with his earliest breath,
It attends him in health, and awaits him in death.
But in shade let it rest like a delicate flower.
Oh! breathe on it softly, it dies in an hour."
Another is generally attributed to Lord Macaulay, and runs:
Cut off my head, and singular I act;
Cut off my tail, and plural I appear;
Cut off my head and tail, and, wonderful fact,
Although my middle's left, there's nothing there.
What is my head? A sounding sea.

HERBERT LANGLEY AND BETTY BLYTHE

In a Scene From the English Production, "Chu-Chin-Chow, the Feature Presentation at the Dominion Theatre This Week



By adding "s" you plural make:
But if to this you add an "s,"
Strange is the metamorphosis:
Plural is plural word no more,
And sweet what bitter was before.

DRIVERS TO GET LICENCES JAN. 1

CARDS TO BE READY BY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Will Be Distributed Along With the Number Plates—One Hundred Thousand Being Printed

Administrative activity towards bringing into effect the more important decisions of the session of the Legislature is already in full swing.

Preparations will be complete, according to Attorney-General Manson and Col. J. H. McMullen, superintendent of provincial police, for issuing drivers' licences by January 1, as required by the new amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act.

The licence cards will be issued by the Provincial police along with the regular car licence plates, of which 55,000 had been prepared for the coming year. The drivers' licences will be printed on durable pocket size cards and on the backs of them will be a carefully prepared digest of the more important regulations which drivers are required to obey.

There will be a summary of the new danger rule and a statement of the rule of the road, and possibly other information with which all drivers should be familiar.

Work Speeded Up
Automobile licences will not be issued this year, at least by the Automobile Club of British Columbia at its offices as provided for in the act. Col. McMullen stated, The Provincial police have taken over another and larger office in the Vancouver Court House, and with two offices and five additional clerks working on the job it is expected

that the congestion will be greatly reduced from last year.
Drivers' licences, however, may be obtained either from the police, or from the automobile clubs. The Government is printing 100,000 drivers' licence cards.

ESTATES PROBATED

Among the wills probated in the Supreme Court during the week, have been the following:
Alexander Fraser Forrest, reissuing of Ontario probate, estate in British Columbia, \$3,774.

Annie Seraphina Sere, who died at Victoria on November 6, 1924, British Columbia estate, \$393.

Veregrine North, reissuing of English probate, estate in British Columbia, \$1,150.

Henry Andrews, who died at Victoria on November 3, 1924, estate, \$730.

Arthur Philip Luxton, who died at Victoria on September 21, 1924, estate, \$17,267.

Vergerine North, reissuing of English probate, estate in British Columbia, \$1,150.

Fanny McKeon, who died at Victoria on June 27, 1921, estate, \$250.

Peter Merriman, who died at Victoria on May 31, 1924, estate, \$3,766.

John Robert Albert Todd, who died at Victoria on September 25, 1924, estate, \$1,700 in British Columbia.

Ann Steers, who died at New Westminster on November 14, 1924, estate, \$6,936.

John William Butler, who died at Victoria on September 27, 1924, estate, \$25,557.

William Johnston, who died at Victoria on November 14, 1924, estate in British Columbia, \$5,457.

Albert Edward Runaby, who died at Victoria on July 3, 1923, estate, \$730.

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Public Urged Not to Leave Buying Until Last Minute—Stores Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Nights

THE Christmas shopping season in Victoria is now in full swing, and the business establishments of the city are doing a rushing business in articles that make appropriate Yuletide gifts. The spirit of the festive period of the year predominates in store, street and home, and Victorians are at the present time, and will continue so until Wednesday night next, occupied with the thoughts of Christmas purchases, and are lending their patronage to trade in the community.

The usual large crowd of shoppers that fill the streets and stores at Christmas time are not missing, and proof of this is easily seen by glancing at the crowded sidewalks and the stores, which are filled with people, young and old. The stores are busy accommodating the requirements of their patrons, and in order to render efficient service at such rush times have, in many instances, secured additional help so that the situation thus created can be satisfactorily coped with.

Merchants of the city report a big Christmas shopping trade, and in anticipation of this purchased large stocks of goods and varied assortment of lines, in order that the buyers might have the very best possible selection. The campaign to encourage purchases to shop early has been with considerable success, and those who have done so, will do their purchasing early undoubtedly have profited, or will do so, by securing the best variety of Christmas goods.

Many Places Decorated
Victoria is turning out in large numbers to seek and enjoy. Many of the larger business institutions are gaily adorned with Yuletide decorations, and everywhere there is an air of approaching Christmas. There is a procession all over the business area of the city, with the thought of from one store and place to another, to secure their wants in the way of Christmas articles, and they are heavily laden with Yuletide goods. Many of Victoria's stores are calling attention to the value of radio outfits as Christmas gifts. Receiving and distributing sets, which are now being sold at very moderate prices, suggest whole volumes in the way of entertainment in the home, either to the city or country dweller, particularly the latter, and when the gift is made from one member of the family to the other, it possesses the double advantage of redounding to the pleasure of the giver as well as the recipient.

There are more local made toys than ever before in the history of the city. They are stout, practical playthings, for the most part, and commend themselves wonderfully to the majority of healthy children. The toys are made in the city, and the business houses have been the Mecca for children and report a steadily increasing business in toys and other suitable articles for the kiddies.

Victoria Stores Busy
The ladies' outfitters and departments of the larger stores devoted to this are doing a brisk Christmas trade. Musical instruments, ranging in size from pianos to mouth organs, are claiming a share of the season's business; jewelers have adapted their offerings to a diverse clientele, and costume houses are also experiencing the benefit of the Yuletide trade. The boot and shoe firms, coat supply houses, dealers in electrical goods, and grocers and markets, are all feeling the stimulus in trade created by the Christmas season.

Local merchants again wish to urge the co-operation of the public in making their purchases as early as possible this week and not leave their buying to the last minute, thereby rendering it impossible for them to secure the best service, and also to avoid their being possibly disappointed at not being able to secure particular gifts that they much care to purchase.
To facilitate shopping, the stores in the city will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 9 o'clock, while some will not close their doors until 9:30. Nearly all the Victoria stores were open last night for the first time in the evening at this season, and in spite of the cold weather did a good business, which, it is confidently expected, will be continued and increased during the first three days of this week.

Beats Prisoner to Death
MARIETTA, Okla., Dec. 20.—Shortly after being placed in jail on a charge of killing Babe Shipman, of Eastman, Ed. Dewitt, another prisoner, and beat him to death before officers could intervene. Sanders had never seen Dewitt before, officers said. Four of Sanders' sons are being held in connection with the killing of Shipman, which occurred last week.

Three Dead in Garage
FLINT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Three men were found dead in a garage between here and Holly today, the result of carbon monoxide gas, according to physicians who were summoned.

A Lift on Road to Christmas Shopping

Buying Presents Isn't Really a Bugbear if You Grasp a List Firmly in Your Hand and Go to Shops Where Distinctive Wares Are Sold at Same Prices—Adventures in Quest for Boxes, Jars and Pictures

By FLORENCE BROBECK
PANDORA started something when she opened the forbidden box, but I have always suspected that she only responded to an urge shared by mortals and goddesses, nymphs and angels, an urge to investigate all that is hidden, mysterious, obscure. This is no ignoble curiosity, but the insatiable of a divine spark; seeking, growing.

Boxes continue to exercise a charm whether they be sea chests with rusty studding and clumsy keys or delicate little cloisonne and lacquer cabinets or boxes of hammered metal or carved wood or tooled leather or of distinguished paper. A clothes closet may be a place of boxes, round and deep for hats, flat and oblong for blouses, underthings and frocks; rectangular and subdivided to hold shoes and hose. The dressing table may offer boxes for the day's journey into a dusty world, condensed fresh air and sunshine needed for cheeks and lips, and a box for a gay kerchief, a permanently fresh gardenia for the boutonniere, gloves, hairpins, vells, hair pins. Each may be housed in its own box and order be maintained the better.

Covered Paper Boxes
Boxes of this sort are most happily made when of firm cardboard covered with handsome paper. Any color scheme may be matched, and almost any personal preference as to flower or bird or beastie may be admitted to a boudoir via the covering on the wardrobe boxes. Besides boxes for clothes closets, there are stationary boxes,

children's hat boxes, sets of boxes for boys' rooms, boxes for linen closets and living rooms. Any of these would be a gift in itself.
Other boxes are more simple and would serve to enhance the gift within them. They are made for ties, books, corsets, and in such a variety as to fit a multitude of large and small gifts. All are sturdy, beautifully made with imported papers, glazed or softly finished, and lined with contrasting papers.

Other Boxes
Some are divided into compartments and finished with a little border of flowered paper. These are anything but fragile and temporary paper affairs; they are strong and long lived and the best solution to the Christmas gift wrapping problem seen on our journeys through the shops.

Japanese boxes abide elsewhere in red lacquer and other characteristic colorings and finishes. One shop shows them in large and small sizes, for cigarettes or candles or other house uses. Carved wooden boxes are to be found where the Nordic arts abound. Tiles, suitable for use on a tea table or as decorative bits for mantel or desk, are in bright colors and floral and pastoral patterns. Some are ladies and gentlemen of historical lore, charming folk to invite to tea. In this same shop are very small gifts in leather, as well as good pitchers, jugs and jars in pottery.

Shopping isn't really a bugbear if you grasp a list firmly in your hand and go to the shops where you are sure to find distinctive wares at same prices.

Christmas Scrapbook Easily Manufactured

By LETTIE GAY
Picking flowers in May cannot compare with gathering poison ivy in November—for after effect. For the edification for any who may read, let me say that poison ivy leaves are identified by the pale, lustrous berries, which I found do not make useful bouquets for house use!

While recovering from my floral purgatory, with ever-widening that reading was prohibited and appearing in public out of the question. I turned to a youthful pastime—cutting paper dolls.

Recalling my delight in an old scrap book some one had made for me once, I hunted up some blank copy-books and began pasting into them pictures of the beautiful children who eat nourishing breakfast foods—of babies who owe their health to a daily quart of orange juice—of bottles of milk, dishes of fruit and baskets of vegetables and every other colored picture of interest to children.

"Bunk" may be the word for some phases of advertising, but the art work accompanying the descriptions of virulent vegetable poisons and the best baked beans is excellent material for picture books.

The Poet Comes Out
The books were fun to make and would furnish some entertainment for two lively two-year-old nieces of mine—Patty and Martha. Past experience with those young ladies warned me that their mothers would probably be called upon to "tell" "other" about each picture if there were no accompanying text. Poison ivy itchiness isn't guaranteed to bring on poetic feelings. Any one can do this even in her right mind.

Beneath the picture of stewed fruit: "A nice big girl is Martha van Doran. The reason I'll tell you soon. She's out in the air at early morn. And she likes to eat the prunes."

The "picture of health" reaching determinedly for her bottle of milk was saying for Patty's benefit:

"I love the cow all red and white. Her milk makes girls grow fat. And so I drink a glass each night To put my share in 'Pat'."

Another milk-fed darling sagely remarks:

"I love all fruits and vegetables, And I love cereals, too. But good, fresh milk is best of all. Plenty of it makes me tall; And I'll be as big as you!"

Any exponent of poetry will shudder at the thought of forcing this stuff on the attention of helpless babes, but the fruit and cereal pictures teach a diet lesson as well as charm by their bright colors and amusing children.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE BEING HELD TODAY

Special Music Also at First Presbyterian Church This Afternoon

Arrangements have been completed for the great White Gift Service to be held in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church today, commencing at 3 p.m. The Sunday School teachers and officers have been busy for some weeks arranging one of the most attractive programmes ever presented and there are many interesting and beautiful features, including the presentation of white gifts by the scholars. Those attending this service will receive a blessing and inspiration, and from all reports it is fully expected that the church will be filled to capacity with scholars, also their parents and friends. The Sunday School choir, under the leadership of Mr. Alfred Gurney, will render special music and sing two special anthems as follows: "The Magnificent," by Bunnet, and "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings," by Sir John Stainer; also a number of carols. Mr. J. Smith will preside at the organ. Special decorations have been arranged for

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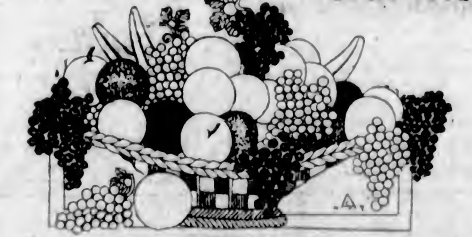
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At 5 a. m. yesterday Taseeh reported the wind at 68 miles an hour, but since then it has gained in velocity and reports coming in late last night show the wind at 80 miles an hour, and 80 miles an hour. Storm signals have been up at Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver since Friday night. The reports from the coast are regarding the weather conditions outside. The temperature at Victoria remained steady at 28 all day yesterday, indicating four degrees of frost. This morning our weather was reported from all points on the Canadian Prairies, while the state of Tennessee experienced 20 degrees of frost, the temperature being at 13. It is also said that the weather indicates that a temperature of freezing was indicated straight to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, while frost is also reported in the Gulf of Mexico, he thinks that the most remarkable cold snap this continent has experienced in years.

YOKOHAMA AND ARIZONA MARU DELAYED BY STORM

The Yokohama Maru has 2,300
bales of milk, valued at \$3,000,000,
which will be rushed to East Coast
mills by the Great Northern Railway.
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everything ready for the tranship-
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Canadian Inventor, Dec. 1, left Sydney for Victoria.

Canadian Planter, Nov. 26, left Victoria for Australia.

Canadian, Dec. 3, left Victoria for Australia.

Panama Canal for Halifax.

Canadian Scottish, Nov. 28, arrived St. John.

Canadian, Kirkmishar, Nov. 24, left Glasgow for Victoria.

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wise Movements

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Canadian Scottish, Nov. 28, arrived
St. John.
Canadian Skirmisher, Nov. 26, left

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to note that among the original shareholders were included very many of the leading citizens of the Province in those pioneer days. Among these are B. B. Bisset, the founder of

Wines, 1874, states: "The ore is composed of argentiferous iron pyrites, and has yielded an assay under assay from \$20 to \$10,000 worth of silver per ton. During the time the above (the Eureka) lead was being worked, there were about 200 feet distance was discovered. This lead is of a far more valuable character, and is known as the Van Ness mine. The ore is described as chloride of silver, and has yielded under assay from \$25 to \$100 of silver per ton of rock. A quantity of this ore was sent to San Francisco at \$400 per ton. The lead is distinctly traceable for half-

Someone confused the Christmas holiday with the Roman holiday spirit, last night, sneering four fine big plate glass windows before his sportive wife was caught grinning.

Finding that a large stone, if huried with considerable force, would not bounce off a Plagard Street store window of the Madison's Bay Company, he next tried the same merry game with a window of the Bank of Commerce, and was not finally discouraged until he had shattered two more lovely sheets of glass in the Belmont Building.

He purloined nothing, but the police are searching for him, nevertheless, being curious to know what he thinks of the barred windows of a prison cell.

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Australians Make 450 in the First Innings Against England—Englishmen Start Well With 72

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 30.—Australia completed its first innings to-day in the initial cricket test match with England, amassing the very good total of 450 runs before Tate, who was bowled brilliantly, took the last wicket. The scoring today was not nearly as heavy as on the opening day, Taylor, with 43 runs, being the most successful batsman. Fifty thousand people were present.

England made an auspicious start in its innings, with Hobbs and Sutcliffe making a strong stand, being undefeated with 42 and 28, respectively, when stumps were drawn for the day.

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Wicket: B. McDonald, 21; Selwyn, 6; Wooley, 2; Tate, 17; Laurie, 6; Gregory, 6; B. Tate, 3; Gregory, 0; Nrudwick, 6; Tate, 0; Oldfield, not out, 38; Mailey, 2; Tate, 21; extras, 18; total, 150.

Bowling analysis: England—Tate, 5 wickets for 140 runs; Gillies, 1 for 32; Freeman, 2 for 124; Hearnle 1 for 28; Wooley, no wickets for 35; Hobbs, no wickets for 13, and Chapman, no wickets for 12 runs.

Score: England, first innings—Hobbs, not out, 42; Sutcliffe, not out, 51; Chapman, 10; Freeman, 10; Gillies, 10; Wooley, 10; Laurie, 10; Gregory, 10; B. Tate, 10; Nrudwick, 10; Oldfield, 10; extras, 10; total, 150.

Score: Australia, first innings—Hobbs, 10; Chapman, 10; Freeman, 10; Gillies, 10; Wooley, 10; Laurie, 10; Gregory, 10; B. Tate, 10; Nrudwick, 10; Oldfield, 10; extras, 10; total, 150.

The school assembled on Friday morning for the customary reading of the term's marks and the official closing for Christmas.

Mr. G. H. Scarlett, acting headmaster, gave an excellent address on the functions of a private school, tradition and school spirit, bringing home to the boys the real reasons for the many recent improvements in school equipment.

Mr. Alexis Martin, president of the board of directors, spoke on the value of education in the modern character, and presented the D. H. Kerr Cup (1934) for the best all-round boy to "Freddie" (Abe)...

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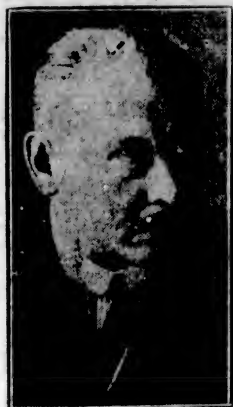
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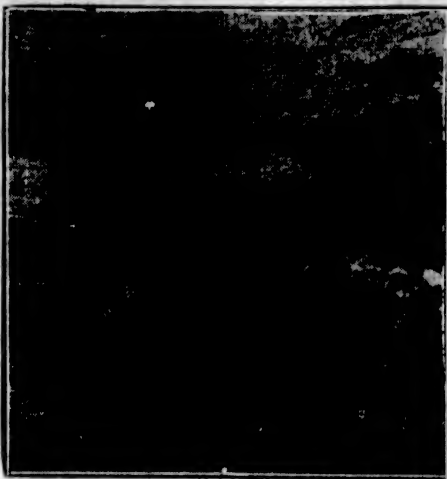
The Colonist's Pictorial Page



"Her" smile beguiles, as you'll agree; you'd almost fancy he's a she. As a matter of fact, however, this very coquettish expression doesn't mean anything, for the individual shown here is only a boy all dolled up in girl's fixings.



Baron Von Maltzan, secretary of state in Germany, who is the assistant to Foreign Minister Stresemann, has just been appointed German ambassador to the United States, succeeding Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.



This striking transformation of a sandpit in Kent, England, into an Oriental scene was the work of half an hour, and owes its inception to the movie industry in that country. Operators are now not confined to the Far West or the Near East.



"Blue Block," a thoroughbred Pekinese of an Atlanta miss, gives a striking example of what the well-turned-out doggie should have in his wardrobe. The "Peke" has a special trunk in which his duds are kept.



The Abbe Beuly of France has become famous throughout the world for his ability to locate water in the ground by an ordinary stick. He was recently decorated by the French government for his services in this direction.



The Viscountess Clerawly has taken over the duties of an advisory director at a jewelry concern in London, where every afternoon she advises people as to the choice of gems. The viscountess is shown examining some pearls.



Thomas J. Campbell, famed as the greatest "dry farmer" in the world, having 80,000 acres in Montana, is being seriously considered by President Coolidge for secretary of agriculture.



"Bah Jove," one would have difficulty in recognizing Johnny Dundee, world's feather-weight champion, on his recent arrival in London, all dressed up in topper and monocle.



Here are two of the men and one of the much-talked-of Kentucky hounds who took part in the famous Algoma wolf hunt at Bar River recently.



Six animals from the government buffalo reserve at Wainwright Park, Alberta, were recently shipped to Toronto for slaughter, where their steaks provided a delicacy for many gastronomical adventurers.



Mrs. Lucy Jenkins Franklin, the new dean of women at Boston University, is the first to hold this post at Boston. She was recently installed in office, with Mrs. Calvin Coolidge present as the guest of honor.



"Bum," a San Antonio, Texas, 25-year-old cat, is kept fit by a daily dozen, administered by R. A. Scheer and his son. Aside from her long life, "Bum" is just an ordinary feline that has excellent chances of living for some time to come.



Tommy Gibbons, the St. Paul streak, is shown after he knocked out Kid Norfolk, the colored scrapper, in the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen-round bout at Madison Square Gardens recently.



A wind power machine which will do away with the use of coal and gas as fuel is the invention of Hyman Rosen of New York, who is blind and who has been working on the device for thirty years.



Before a cheering crowd of 10,000 people, with Labor delegates particularly outstanding, Plutarco Elias Calles took over the government reins of the southern republic in the vast stadium at Mexico City.



Yes, this is a real live wolf, which was roaming with a pack around Sault Ste. Marie only a few weeks ago. The animal was caught in a trap by Dr. F. Deadman of that district, and after being in custody for a time became quite tame.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

We have been reading a book about Christmas in other lands, and we read without any prejudice and found the contents most timely and interesting. But after reading the book and looking down the vista of time, we have come to the conclusion, and we are sure that sixty per cent of the population of the Dominion, or whatever number of us there are who hail from Eastern Canada, will agree with us that there is no other country in the world where Christmas was more like Christmas than the land of our childhood. The other forty per cent, Eng-

lish and European born, will hotly disagree, no doubt. But the majority is with us, a lot of them made up of French-Canadians, than with no people in the world enter with more enthusiasm into the celebration of Christmas Day.

In the first place there was the snow. We feel very sorry for children who do not know what a real snow Christmas means. Not the sort of snow that we have on the coast here, that comes without any invitation and finds us totally unprepared, and which immediately gets sulky and slushy and vanishes. But real snow,

pressed by a big ring around the moon, and clear frosty weather. There had been skating on the river for the elder folks for weeks, and the ground had been frozen. Then one night father came in, rubbing his hands and standing back to the hard coal fire. "There's a ring around the moon tonight, I should wonder what that snow before morning!" What delight among the children! If father said there would be snow, of course there would be snow. But we all ran to the window to look, and there, sure enough, high up in the heavens was the wintry moon, with a broad nimbus around her, and the stars in the offing growing fainter even while we watched. The next day the promise was kept. We woke to find it tapping fairy fingers on the little panes of the windows. We could hear it, although they were double windows. And the hills were piled with it. No trouble at all now for Santa Claus, and we had been rather worried.

We don't know how many children believe in Santa Claus today. We are told that the old "superstition" is dying out. There are many persons, scientific and otherwise, who can prove conclusively that pretty nearly everything we believe in is a superstition when it comes to that. But as far as Santa Claus goes we always did believe in him and always will. After all, the world is full of only children, and we can only interpret according to our capacity. Our profoundest proofs are merely fairy translations of the truth. And if we want to portray love and kindness in the guise of Santa Claus, well, we believe it is a good way and makes for the purest sentiment. The greatest happiness among the children. It did in the old days, the days of our childhood.

Christmas Eve! Cold and still! The whole world blanketed in white, and the sky radiant with stars. The kind of stars that one never saw at any other time. The stars of Bethlehem and the Morning Stars that would sing together to proclaim the Saviour's birth, while we were asleep. Mysterious parcels arriving late and hustled into the drawing room where, we knew, a great tree branched to the ceiling, but which we should not see until the morning. Old Man, the cook, coming into the hall, her black face wreathed in smiles, holding a goose in one hand, a turkey in the other. "I declare to goodness, the butcher done send us these very two more fowls for Christmas presents. Whenever is we-all goin' to eat 'em?" Then to bed, tucked away under a mountain of covers, shivering with cold and delighted anticipation. And was there ever a Christmas Eve that we did not wake just once, for a sleepy minute to hear a "tinkle, tinkle, tinkle," and know that the sound was Santa's sleigh bells?

We feel sorry, too, for those who do not know intimately the tinkle of sleigh bells. Apart from Santa Claus they belonged to Christmas anyway. Sleigh bells and buffalo robes, and a long drive, maybe on Christmas Day with hampers to the poor. Dazzling sunlight over the snow, such an expanse of snow! And a long winding road, smooth glass, that took one through the town and down to the river. Across the river by a narrow way marked with evergreen trees, and up and over the hill. Brief stops at a cottage or two, where we were met by laughing, rosy children, who seized the hamper and fled into the house with shrieks of glee. Then, at last, we were out in the real country of wide open land, and the spruce forest a blue cloud in the distance; the spruce forest which to us, in those far off days, was the abode of fairies and giants, and all of the other dear, delightful creatures of our storybooks. Then it was time to turn back. For the great dinner would be ready by the time we reached home. A table groaning beneath its weight of good things, a roaring, crackling wood fire in the great fireplace. Warm, spicy, sweet fragrances to meet us the moment we opened the door, made up of wonderful things cooking, and the smell of evergreen festoons, and the dear Tree itself.

To all of us who have put our childhood twenty-five years behind us, Christmas brings memories that are tinged with wistfulness. But in every house where there are children, it must forever remain the happiest anniversary of the year, to them at all events, and with them we, too, become young. Is this, perhaps, not the most blessed thing about Christmas anyway, that it brings us back to our youth? And what is true of the Kingdom of Heaven is just as true about Christmas. "Except ye become as little children, ye cannot enter in."

MAINLY ABOUT BOOKS

All of us are prone to condemn certain things which we know nothing about and the joys of which, naturally, we have never experienced. For instance, there have been poems written against the ancient sport of fox hunting, and one song, at any rate, we have heard—a really magnificent thing it is, too, with the baying of the hounds, the thud of flying hoofs, the music of the hunt, the accompaniment, underlying the accompaniment, and both words and music splendidly commendatory. One can picture the poor fox, running before its pursuers, gradually growing weaker, panting for breath. Sung by a big baritone voice that song is such an appealing thing that one is ready to sit in stern judgment upon those who can rejoice in anything that entails such cruelty. But if there are thousands who decry the old pastime, the hundreds who revel in it say nothing at all in their own defence, for, according to fox-hunting tradition, that fraternity knew nothing at all what the rest of the world thinks of it. They are too busy with themselves and a wild hunt themselves.

Mary Horden most clearly and vividly exemplifies this in her new book, "Three Pilgrims and a Tiger." Thus she writes of Broadshire, the centre of an English hunting community, and from the first page in her clever book one begins to see the hunt from the viewpoint of the hunter. Take this bit, for instance. It strikes the most stagnant imagination into a responsive gaiety: "Out of doors are the sudden fields, biting winds, flooded brake, and you, the men of Broadshire, mounted on beautiful horses, racing against the wind, sleek and snow, leaping through the air, making lovely arcs in the air, falling, sailing, scrambling in the mud, picking yourself up, wearing out, shouting, grinding your savage delighted teeth, exulting, barbarous, deliciously hunting the fleet red fox, lusting for his blood, following the lovely hounds, following on and on, furiously riding, while the clouds stream overhead and the winter day wheels its span and meets the dark suddenly, and night falls on you beside a brown copse in a dark blue field and peace comes to you and

silence after tumult, and you jog contentedly home through the darkness. Home: lamplight, a red fire, tea things glinting, hot scones and poached eggs in covered dishes, and a deep chair to stretch out in, and, at last, the hot bath: that is all you need, that fulfils the heart's desire."

Or this, away on in the story, when you have become acquainted with three of the most delightful and original children who ever carried a romance to a charming consummation, and a half a dozen other characters who are real personages. "Meadows rolled down to a shadowy valley and up again to a higher sky line; a brook showed at the bottom. In the distance, in the West, the mist waved like a silver veil hanging loose from the sky."

"And then the note of the huntsman's horn was borne along the wind. Ah, the lovely, plaintive, hollow sound. Why did it thrill so? Soft, penetrating, insistent note, lifted up from the brown wood, what was it saying? What was going on down there in the thicket?"

"Marion began to tremble. 'Hark! A hound gives tongue. They've found. What instinct was it, primitive and savage, that responded to those voices?' 'A! A red streak crosses the open. A fox has broken cover. There he goes. You can see him plainly, running for his life past your horse's nose. Hounds are in anguish. Their yelping is like a moaning. The voice of the horn, too, is loud, insistent, the voice of a thing in pain, straining, urging, calling.' 'Jim, turning his head, said: 'Don't lose me. I'll give you a lead.'"

"Marion smiled faintly. 'Slowly, as it seemed, slowly and fumblingly, nose to the ground, wavering, he hesitating, a hound slips out of the bushes. Then others. Now they've got it. Scent is good. Away they stream. The fox has disappeared long since. Almost it would appear that he is forgotten. Certainly no one troubles to slip into his skin, to feel what he feels lying for his life with a pack of hounds after him. 'The hunters and the hunted—a universe between them—a thousand years of evolution. Darwin might explain. We can't. We only know the savage ecstasy. A moment ago we were dull, reasonable, thinking people. That's all done with—gone. We've lost them—those selves of ours—flung them behind us. It may be that that farm laborer running across the fields far behind there will find them like old coats on the ground. 'We are of a different race from all those bipeds, supermen, gods, centaurs. The Lord knows what we are, we ride to hounds. Ordinary men on their two feet plodding, think, ruminate, worry, work, solve problems, earn their living, love, hate, grow old and sick; we do none of these things. We ride to hounds. 'Back there in the world behind us clocks are ticking, bells are ringing, telegraphs tinkle, babies squall and sewing machines are whirling; we hear none of these things, for we ride to hounds and time stands still above us, and the earth runs under us, and the sky is opening out before us. We have left our sodden selves behind, we soar, we leap, we ride exultant, we, the erstwhile slaves of life, we are free. We ride to hounds. 'Some such chant was in their going. The thudding hoofs beat out the time. Savage men and women now, watch their faces. They lean forward, jaws squared, scowling, strained, snarling faces, their eyes fixed and glaring, as fences, hedges, posts and rails rush up above the rolling turf to bar their way. 'Going is good. The mist lifts. Sunlight paints the straining faces orange. The horses hurl the fields behind them, nostrils wide, foam flinking from their bits, muscles straining. Beautiful they are and gallant, racing on, leaping through the whirling air, playing smoothly, surging up against the sky. Down and scudding close to the earth again. 'They are scattered now. Pink coats and black hats, spreading out across the fields, drawing together again, crowding through a gate, then on in a long streamer, ribboning the slope—The Hunt streams on."

The author of the above stirring tale is a member of a well-known Chicago family, and the wife of Brigadier-General F. I. Spears, British M.P. and English and French, at the Geneva Disarmament Conference. Miss Borden went to France in 1913 and when the war broke out took up arms and served in the Red Cross. She met and married General Spears. She is the author of "The Romantic Woman," her first novel, published in 1920; "The Tortoise," and "Jane, Our Stranger."

Chauncy M. Depue's "Memories of Eighty Years," deserves a high place among American biographies. It is taken a very important part in the making of his country's history, and has known intimately all of her great and prominent men and women. His book is a most delightful record of the chief political events of the last sixty odd years, and as he has written largely from memory, there is a very personal touch throughout the memoirs, which makes them particularly appealing. Humor runs through them in a vein of happy anecdote.

"Sails of Sunset," a novel by Cecil Roberts, is a very colorful tale, the scene of which is laid amid the enchantments of Old Venice. A world-travelled, indifferent young Englishman meets a fisherman's daughter at Choggia, and entirely loses his heretofore complicated equilibrium, and finally his heart. There are complications and obstacles; chief among the latter a powerful, insipid Italian suitor. But all ends well for the lovers.

The East, particularly China and Japan, seems to awaken a most vivid power of description in any writer. Louise Jordan Miln, the author of "Mr. Wu," "Mr. and Mrs. Ben" and other Eastern tales, has some lovely bits in her latest novel, "In a Shantung Garden." For them alone the book is worth reading. But the story is good, too, a breathless sort of romance that sweeps along to rather a fine climax. If the American side of the hero is emphasized a little too much to appeal to readers outside of the United States, it is a fault common to many writers in that country, and will probably lessen as time goes on and they begin to see the rest of the world in the proper perspective.

FROM THE COSPES OF THE WORLD

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